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## **Autobiography of an MBA Teacher**



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### Why this book, why at 60!

As I turn 60, I am also completing 36 years of teaching MBA program at universities of Odisha; 21 years at Berhampur University and 15 years at KIIT University Bhubaneswar. As some may recall, Odisha Universities launched (two years) MBA degree/ program exactly 37 years back. So, I have seen the 36 years of it! I thought, I should record my journey to this profession (of teaching MBA students), interestingly without having an MBA degree!

I never celebrated my birthdays, even hesitated to celebrate the birthdays of my kids, in any formal way. However, I have attended so many birthdays, of colleagues, friends and relatives, as I had to. After serving for over 35 years, and after seeing my children settling down and getting married, and after seeing your batch-mates retiring one by one, the thought came to my mind: ‘how about writing a memoir, as I turn 60! Then I felt, ‘the 60th birthday is perhaps considered one of the milestone or significant birthdays in a person's life’.

Then I expressed my desire before a few well-wishers, formally through written communications. While quite a few readily appreciated, at the same time, some others wondered and exclaimed, ‘why now, (60 is just a number)’. One replied, with a quote, ‘there is a saying, life begins at sixty’.

Then, I also started searching the net (a quick fix, new-fashion solution to every issue, these days) on, ‘what happens at 60?’, ‘do people (and why people) celebrate at 60?’, ‘what is usually done, when turning 60?’.

Though such search is still on (and a select few are appended below), I had my own impromptu response to the question of ‘**why now**’, as, ‘**Why not!**’

This ‘Why-not’ of course had the influence of the unprecedented COVID-19 chaos and very high incidences of COVID related deaths. Crores got affected and lakhs died (around six lakh, only in India), which included many known relations. Two years of restricted confinements, with high degree of uncertainties, had created panic, fatigue and, in many cases depression.

I myself had to organise (as it was pre-scheduled) my daughter's marriage when the entire state was under complete lockdown. (It was declared, just before 3 days, when our preparation was all over, limiting the total gathering to only 50.) One can imagine the pressure of organizing a lifetime event, amidst total restriction (on transport) and high degree of uncertainties!

Hardly two months before, had we organized the negotiation ceremony at Rourkela (following all COVID protocol). My friend **Tapan Mishra**, (in picture), joined the function and had sat next to me. Very next month he was



not there (to receive my daughter’s marriage invitation); he succumbed to COVID-19. My village neighbour’s son, **Babuli** (seen in background of second picture), who had taken me, out of love and affection, for a boat-ride in Chilka lake, died at a very young age of just 30. The list is long. I was travelling by train, from Bhubaneswar to Rourkela, one night, with all COVID protocol! Such a scary night that was! I was the lone passenger, in the entire compartment. Thought came, seriously for first time, life was so uncertain, really! We never know, what would happen, even the next day! Life is so uncertain!

This provoked me to compile the ‘**events of life**’ of the last 60 years, (ଈଠି ରୁ ଶାଠିଏ) with memorable pictures!



I dedicate this book to **Tapan Mishra** and all other dear ones, whose lives were cut short, prematurely, due to COVID-19.



I was the only passenger in a Rourkela bound train compartment, in II-AC; what a scary night that was, during COVID second wave. Life was uncertain.

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## A few quotes on 60<sup>th</sup> birthday:

- ‘One starts to get young at the age of sixty and then it is too late.’ -Pablo Picasso
- ‘When I turned 60, it didn’t bother me at all.’ -Yoko Ono
- ‘Forget the block, when you are sixty, you have been around the entire neighbourhood a few times.’ -Dane Peddigrew
- ‘After a man passes sixty, his mischief is mainly in his head.’ -Washington Irving
- ‘Age 60 is when it takes a man all night to do what he used to do all night.’  
–Unknown

Someone then said:

- The 60th birthday is commemorated with such great extravagance because following the 60th year, the person celebrates a new life. Enjoy the bliss of 60 years.
- The 60th birthday is considered as one of the milestone or significant birthdays in a person's life.
- “The way I see it, every year can be a brand new journey. Think about it: You get one chance to be 25, 38, 44, 61 and every age before and between. Why wouldn’t you want to experience all the wonder in each step on your path?” – Oprah Winfrey
- “Aging is as natural as a baby’s softness and scent. Aging is human evolution in its pure form.” – Jamie Lee Curtis
- “Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you’ve got to start young.” – Theodore Roosevelt
- “If I had to live again, I would do exactly the same thing. Of course I have regrets, but if you are 60 years old and you have no regrets, you haven’t lived.” – Christy Moore
- “You know you’re getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.” – Anonymous
- You're not 60, You're 20 with 40 years of experience.
- Sixty Is the New Twenty.
- 60 Is The New Awesome
- 60 Is Six Perfect 10s
- 60 Is Just A Number
- Keep Breaking Hearts At Sixty
- You Make Sixty Look Good
- Just Turned 60 And Feeling More Alive Than Ever.
- Turning 60 Makes You Look Forward To The Future.
- You’re Sixty And You Know It.
- Just Turned 60. Limited Edition. All Parts Original.
- Life Begins At Sixty!
- 60 Years of being a Legend!

.....|(**collected from internet sources**)|.....

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#### **Village life of Rural Odisha in early 1960's and My Childhood:**

A small, non-descript village on the bank of Chilika lake, **Tarapi** in Khordha district of Odisha, is my native village. Tarapi is a small village in Chilika Block of Khordha district in Odisha. It is one among the 137 villages of Chilika Block of Khordha district. The village, spread over a total area of 671 hectares, has 205 houses. According to Census 2011, Tarapi's population was 963. Out of this, 498 are males and 465 females, with a literacy rate of 87%.

Around 220 families/ houses, mostly into cultivation, mostly very much industrious and the simpletons, and they enjoyed peaceful cohabitation, supported by abundant natural resources (fishes from Chilka lake and firewood from nearby forest/ jungle).

I belonged to a lower middle class farmers' family. Great-grandfather's name was Madhab and grandfather was Indramani, both were simple farmers, producing adequate agricultural produce for the living of entire family. During there time, no schools were there in our village, only limited informal education through *abadhaan-chaatshali* was available, just to make the people 'literate' (making them to read and write). Only from my father and uncles' time, villagers had formal education, just before independence (of India) in early 1940's. Only then educated few from my village got into various government jobs and other (non-agriculture) economic activities (going to Surat, Kolkata, Mumbai and Rourkela), soon after independence.

The prominent families of my village, who lived during pre-independence era (1900-1947), and those who really mattered, are:

- Radha Mohan Samantasinghar; Charan Rautray
- Krupasindhu Mangaraj (his sons: Chaturbhuj & Banambar)
- Bhubaneswar Srichandan (sons: Dayanidhi & Banshidhar) and Agadhu Srichandan
- Chhotaray family: Maheswar (sons: Purusottam, Ghanashyam & Surendra), Iswar and Dasharathi (sons: Naran, Charan & Hari-Babaji\*);
- Pradhan family: Anand, Hadu Pradhan (sons: Banambar, Banamali, Bhagabata, Iswar);
- Patra family: Bhramarabar (sons: Biranchi, Diba, Sarat, Subash), Banambar Patra (his sons: Ramesh, Suresh, Santu);
- Banchhanidhi (Japi) Tarai, Pari (Paramananda)Tarai;

- Prabhakar Harichandan, Balunkeswar (Bali) Harichandan; Harmohan Harichandan, Anand Harichandan.
- Jambu Sundaray; Subala Samantaray (his sons: Rajanikant, Ranu dunu)
- Iswar Mohapatra; Tarai family (Aparti, Pandab, Banambar);
- Indramani Subudhi (his sons: Rama, Gopinath, Trilochan, Kanduri, and daughter Bidyutlata),
- Balaji Biswal (Paikaray); Damodar Subudhi, Bhagabat Behera, Budhia Tarai, Makund Tarai...and many others.

[\*: **Hari babaji** (Mahant Sri Harekrushna Dash-ji Maharaj, 1926-2017) became a monk, who founded and settled in village Matha (ମଥା)]



### Old and the new buildings of our village UP school, Tarapi

Thus my father (Trilochan) got a job of OMP (Orissa Military Police)/ OSAP (in a lower cadre, JCO), elder-uncle (Gopinath) became a primary school teacher and younger-uncle, Kanduri (he was one of the first science post-graduate of our village) became an auditor in AG office. Eldest-uncle (Ramachandra, badabapa) continued to support my grandfather in cultivation

and looked after our landed property. So, only from my father's generation our economic progression looked bright and importance was now given to children's education. But, my grand-parents would remind all of us (in joint family) often, not to forget our modest past and advised us always to live a simple life and spend the minimum (for living).

My father got married in the neighbouring village (Taladih – Kuhudi), to Bauri Debi (the only daughter of Malati and Hadubandhu Samantaray, at young age. It is perhaps worth mentioning a line here, about the peculiar tradition of naming of children, like Bauri, Hadu, Kanduri (my uncle), out of superstition. It was believed and done so, to escape the cruel eyes of death-god (*Yama*), when an elder sibling died untimely. My father and uncles were staying in a joint family of around 20 members, initially in a thatched house, which was most common in all rural areas, until 1950's.

It was a mid-summer day (on May 2, **1962**), when I was born at Tarapi. At that time, our village Ramalila (16-days long holi-drama enactment of the life of Lord Ramachandra) was about to end. Last day of Ramalila is usually the 'Rama-abhishek' (coronation) day, or simply 'abhishek'. From the word 'Abhi', my grandmothers (both maternal & paternal) thought of naming me 'Rabi'. I was bulky-fat, during my first year (of birth), perhaps bit bald; so my maternal grandparents (Samantaray family of Kuhudi) started calling me 'Gandhi'.

My father, from his childhood, had a great fascination (and devotion) towards village Ramalila (celebrated/ staged every year for three weeks, religiously with much preparation). He used to take part (for first few years) as a junior artiste. Selected artists would use wooden/ fibre masks, enacting the life-story of Lord Ramachandra, as per mythology.



1. Scene from village Ramalila; 2. Sri Raghunath Temple, 3. Deities taken on chariot everyday around the village, before Ramalila performance.

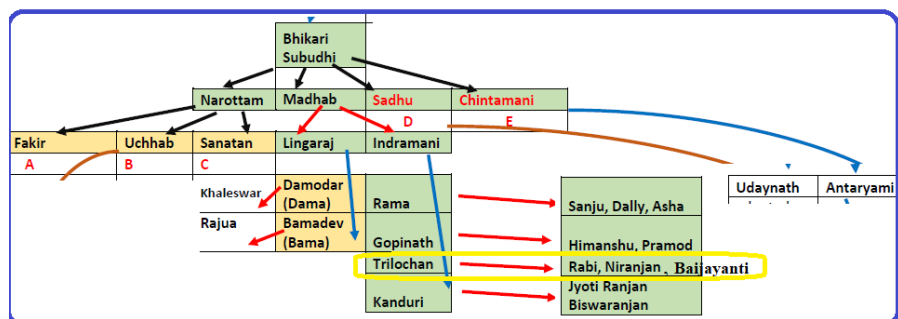




Young village lad performing the role of Hanuman in Ramalila (of Tarapi)

## My family tree

Following chart gives details of my four-generation ancestors.



Many from my village are now well educated and placed. They are now well settled in major cities of India (and a few in other countries). We, those staying at Bhubaneswar, once thought of organizing a social get-together of the villagers staying in and around Bhubaneswar, just to recollect our village history. We had named the event (held on 6.12.2015) as '*Prabashe Tarapi*'. Around 100 persons (young and old, ladies and gents, all from our village Tarapi) had attended that day-long meeting (at Unit 6 Banadurga temple).

It was coordinated by some of my fellow villagers, Sri Sankarshan Mangaraj, Biranchi Narayan Patra, Sudam Biswal, Duryodhan Tarai and myself.

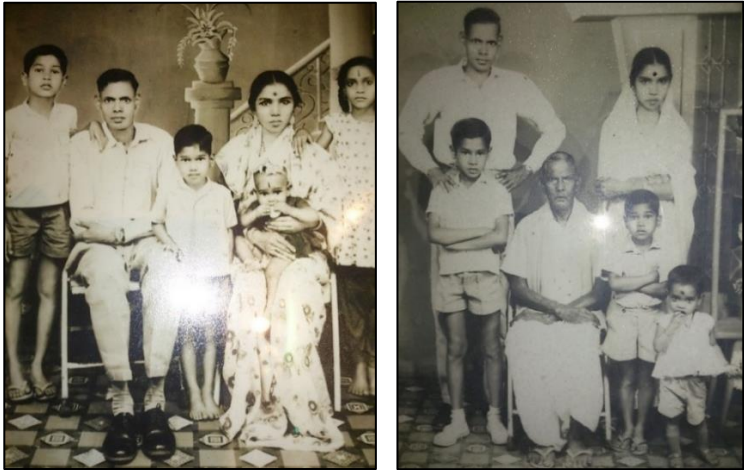


Pic (above, right): Released on death anniversary of Sri Harekrushna Dash-ji and other pictures are of the social get-together of villager, held on 6.12.15.

## My early education (1966-78)

Until I was 5, 6 years old, I was frequenting to visit my maternal uncle's house (Taladih- Kuhudi) with my mother. So, I had my lower primary schooling in three villages (Taladih, Tarapi and Ratanpur). Again, I had my upper primary at three places (Tarapi, Soran, where my elder uncle was a teacher, and 5<sup>th</sup> at Charbatia OMP UP School, where my father was working then). My elder-uncle had entered my date of birth, as 15.01.1963, with consent from my parent. Then it was decided that my mother should stay back at our native place, and I should (not be disturbed much for high school

education, and) join nearby Govt. High School at Kuhudi, till the completion of my matriculation. And, I should support my mother, looking after my younger brother (Niranjan) and younger sister (Baijayanti), getting their education. [My younger brother Niranjan was born on 30.9.1966 and younger sister Baijayanti was born on 6.2.1970.] My father was getting frequent transfers and, again, my uncles decided to stay separately, dividing the property, when I was just in class-9, of my high school days.



Pic-1. Me, with my parents and brother, sister; 2. With parents & grandparent

We had then built our independent house (in same village, another street), hurriedly (after separation); I had to directly supervise our agricultural-cultivation related work (includes ploughing, sowing, harvesting and paddy-seed conservation). Until my matriculation, there was no electricity in our village; we used to read at night using kerosene lamps (dibi/ dibiri/ lanterns). Only during 1978, we could get electricity, after much struggle, much difficulty. [We had to bring electricity poles by ourselves, on bullock-carts, and also had erected the same by ourselves.]

Nobody in our village had toilet then, until 1970's or early 1980's. Perhaps, we had the first toilet (in our village), during 1982, when I passed graduation (from Ravenshaw college, Cuttack). That toilet was constructed separately, 100 feet away from our main house. Ours was also one of the first family to get first land-line telephone connection from BSNL, much later, sometime after 2003.

My grandfather Sri Indramani  
Subudhi with my grandmother Smt  
Annapura Devi







Our old house (of 1970's), and reconstructed house at Tarapi



Chilka lake has become an alternative source of livelihood for villagers.



Smaller ponds like, Samiki (above) and Mahara *pokhari* (below) used for cleaning or for shraadhha rituals.





Typical *pitru-purusha shradhha*, using Tulshi plant (inside and outside the house) as part of puja, during deepavali.

## Maanabasha Laxmi-puja in my village

Rural Odisha is best known for its unique festivals, celebrated religiously, with devotion. One of such festival is **maanabasha** (ମାଣବସା), also known as Laxmi Puja, observed on the last Thursday of the month of Margashira (mostly falls during November). This is very popular among farming community of agrarian rural society of Odisha (and more predominantly in coastal Odisha). This is the formal occasion of thanking Goddess Laxmi for good harvest and prayers for better harvest in the years to come. Harvest, after the very hard work of farmer, is offered first to Goddess Laxmi, in the form of delicious cakes (pithaa), of various types.

**Maana:** Maana (ମାଣ) in Odia has mostly two meanings (related to farming community): 1. a unit of measurement to measure land (maana, guntha, biswa etc. are portion of Acre); 2. Unit of measurement of paddy (maana, gauni, bharana, etc.). Second form is a container made of bamboo cane. This container (maana) is symbolically worshipped, inviting Goddess Laxmi. This festival is being celebrated with full devotion, since centuries. This is evident from early literature, particularly by legendary Fakir Mohan Senapati's writings, during 1860's (particularly in his serial turned novel, **Chha Maana Atha Guntha**). Keeping 'maana', cleaned and with colourful jhoti/ rangoli, with paddy and worshipping with offering of at least 14 types of cakes (all made of rice), is called Maanabasha Laxmipuja.



Pic-1, 2: My mother and aunt (badabou) cleaning ‘*maana*’ one-day before *Maanabasha Laxmi-puja*. Painting is done using only natural colours (colour soil and rice paste).



Pic.3, 4: *Maana* painted and making it ready to be used for puja.

**Process:** Laxmi puja is believed to be most auspicious by all ladies of farming communities. They observe it with utmost care and devotion. Preparation starts before 2, 3 days of (Gurubar) Laxmi Puja day. Entire house gets a colourful look with jhoti/ rangoli. Courtyard, backyard, and all walls look so colourful, all with natural colour, mostly made of rice paste. Ladies also grind rice making and keeping sufficient quantity of rice powder, for preparing various cakes (*pithaa*). Just the previous day (Wednesday afternoon), *maana* (in different sizes, as shown in picture-3,4) taken from safe/ sacred place and washed with clean water. Then senior ladies paint it and get it dried so that it is ready for worshipping, next day, early in the morning.

Cake making actually starts early, before 1, 2 days, prior to puja-day, for distribution among all relatives. Special cakes, meant for puja, are made during very early morning of Thursday. Ladies get up and take bath as early as 4 am and start preparation. Entire street/ village would come to know about this puja early in the morning, by the chanting of *hula-huli* and mantra. Different types of cakes are made for puja (like, *mandaa*, *kakara*, *arisha*, *chakuli*, *poda-pitha*, etc.). Ladies offer all cakes to Goddess Laxmi, complete puja and only after that, they eat.





Pic: 5, 6: Jhota/ rangoli at my house (in native village, Tarapi)



Pic: 7: Laxmi puja



Pic: 8 [House decorated for Laxmi-puja], Pic-9: Pidhaa system

Post-puja cake distribution is unique in itself, where youngsters (like us) and little kids compete to take charge of distribution of cakes (*pithaa*) among relatives and neighbours. It is also a chance for the young kids to get appreciation and sometimes return gifts from close relatives.

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## Class – V at Charbatia OMP school (1971-72): Indo-Pak War of 1971 and my experience in a military base



It is worth recounting my experience of staying inside an army camp location, when war broke out between India and Pakistan, during December 1971. I was a kid, studying in class-V at Chabatia OMP school (as a child of defence personnel). Some of my friends were from ARC, which was then an important wing of Indian intelligence wing RAW. I remember, PM Indira Gandhi visited Charbatia, sometime during August-September 1971, by army aircraft. The then ARC head proposed that some school kids should welcome Madam Gandhi from air base. I was lucky to be among the select few school kids, who were taken to the airstrip, to welcome her with flowers.

### Charbatia ARC:

Charbatia Air Base is located approximately 12 km north of Cuttack. It is intelligence agency's aviation unit, the Aviation Research Centre (ARC). The Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), operates intelligence collection aircraft through the ARC. The aircraft are fitted with electronic surveillance equipment and long-range cameras capable of taking pictures of targets from high altitudes. The base, built with the assistance of CIA in the early 1960s and developed through till 1990s, was used for aerial surveillance and intelligence gathering of Pakistan and China's strategic forces. US trainer Mr. Williamson, along with other experienced personnel were deployed to to train Indian officers. Later additions to the surveillance equipment include specially outfitted Boeing 727 and Gulfstream III jets. The air base is spread over 2,000 acres. In 2011, the Government of India announced that it would be converted into a full-fledged Indian Air Force station with. But the plans for setting up such a station was subsequently cancelled and the unit was shifted to Panagarh in West Bengal.

Ms. Anu Kumar, a writer who spent her childhood there at Charbatia during late 1970s, writes in The Hindu, on how this place gradually lost its importance. [I liked her writings and it touched me so much that I wanted to learn more about the forgotten past. I could successfully contact her through social media; and she is now connected with me on FB.]

Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/features/magazine/planes-war-spying/article5179461.ece>



## Indo-Pak War

There was unrest and mass uprising in East-Bengal (now Bangladesh) against West Pakistan. India supported their cause (and helped Mukti Bahini and Awami League). That had created huge tension, and there was regular confrontations. By November 1971, India-Pakistan war seemed inevitable. On 23 November, PAK President Yahya Khan declared emergency and told his country to prepare for war.

On the evening of 3 December, the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) launched surprise pre-emptive strikes on eleven airfields in north-western India, including Agra. This air action marked the official start of the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971. At the time of the attack, the Taj Mahal had been camouflaged with a forest of twigs and leaves. The then Prime Minister Gandhi Smt. Gandhi ordered Indian Army to launch a full-scale invasion of Pakistan. The main Indian objective on the Eastern front was to capture Dacca, and on the Western front was to prevent Pakistan from entering Indian soil. The IAF flew over 4,000 sorties, in one week. One of the most successful air raids by India into West Pakistan happened on 8 December 1971, when Indian Hunter aircraft from the Pathankot-based 20 Squadron, attacked the Pakistani base in Murid and destroyed 5 F-86 aircraft on the ground.

Pakistan's PNS Ghazi sank near Visakhapatnam near the eastern coast of India, making it the first submarine casualty in the waters around the Indian subcontinent. In retaliation, the Pakistan Navy submarines Hangor (on 9 December 1971) sank INS Khukri. Indian attack on Karachi port on the night of 8/9 December 1971 resulted in massive destruction of reserve fuel tanks and the sinking of three Pakistani merchant ships, as well as foreign ships docked in Karachi. PAF did retaliate by bombing Okha harbour, destroying the fuel tanks used by Indian boats. Indian Army was successful in penetrating into Pakistani soil. It captured around 15,010 sq.km of Pakistani territory. This land gained by India was later ceded in the Shimla Agreement of 1972, as a gesture of goodwill.

In the east, PAK Squadron Leader PQ Mehdi, was taken POW, putting Pakistan's air command in Dhaka out of commission. Finally, the Indian Army encircled Dacca and issued an ultimatum to surrender in "30-minutes" time window on 16 December 1971. Upon hearing the ultimatum, the East-Pakistan government collapsed when the Lt-Gen. A.A.K. Niazi and his deputy, V-Adm. M.S. Khan, surrendered without offering any resistance. On 16 December 1971, Pakistan ultimately called for unilateral ceasefire and surrendered, ending the Indo-Pakistan war of 1971. Instrument of Surrender was signed between the Lieutenant General Jagjit Singh Aurora (India) and Lt-General AAK Niazi, (Pakistan). Following the surrender, the Indian Army took approximately 90,000 Pakistani servicemen and their Bengali supporters as POWs.

[Above section is adapted from Wiki and other internet sources.]

## My experience at Charbatia:

All those days, during war, we were not allowed to carry or light any lamp outside, at night, at Charbatia. All lamps/ lanterns were compulsorily painted black (upto 60-70% from top of glass). I remember, if there was any urgency for us to move out at night (like, for discussing with classmates, on exam related school assignments), then some one (police personnel) was escorting us, for sure. There was constant fear of bombardment on that army camp, by enemy country.

## My High school days (1972-78):

My primary education was bit disturbed (since I attended five different primary schools, during class I-V, including one at a far-off place like Charbatia Police UP school, for my Class-V). It was thus decided by my parents that, I should be at my native village and complete my matriculation (class 6 to 11) from nearby Govt. High School at Kuhudi.

Kuhudi High School was established in the year 1956, when Sri Ramachandra Srichandan took the initiative to build it brick-by-brick, from scratch, first from a thatched house. He was then supported by two other teachers, Sri Narasinha Dash and Shyam Sundar Paikaray. Sri Prasanna Patsani (Ex- MP/ MLA), Sri (Dr) Bibhuti Bhusan Harichandan (Ex- MLA), Prof. Jayakrushna Baral (former VC) were the students of this high school, in those early days (during the first 2-3 years of establishment of this school).



[First Head Master, Sri Ramachandra Srichandan; School gate, old building]



Janata High School has now been taken up under smart school project of Govt. of Odisha and now under renovation.

From class 6 to class 10, I was going to school from my village, walking 3 km every day, each way (half in paddy field, rest half on barren land and mango trees. During rainy season and stormy wind days, we faced difficulty, crossing the muddy path. After 4 years, my younger brother also joined same high school, and joined me going to that school daily. Only during 11<sup>th</sup>, I thought of staying in school hostel, with other friends. But, I could not study well there. I got distracted frequently, by my local friends, many a times (even, we had gone for unsuccessful hunting, to a dense forest, along with friends). I didn't do well in my final examination, because of my negligence (though all were expecting me to do very well). We had to give our matriculation exam at another school (Gambharimunda High School), but not at Kuhudi High School.

Some of my other matric friends (with whom I am still in regular touch) are, Ajay Pradhan, Pramod Baral, Pranath Pradhan, Jiban Ballav Ballav, Ashok Patsani, Balaram Taras, Sarat Mohapatra, Bhikari Sahoo, Makardhwaj, Matia Behera, Swarna Mohapatra, Lalita Rayguru, Niranjana Rana, and a few others, as seen from following group photo of 1978 (given on next page).







Our teachers of 1978 Matric: Sitting on chairs (L to R) - Sri 1. Trilochan Dash, 2. Birabar Balakantay, 3. Rambar Ghadai, 4. Sankarshan Jena, 5. Ashok Jena, 6. Laxman Mishra, 7. Parushottam Patnaik (head Master), 8. Purna Ch Sahu, 9. Subash Mohapatra, 10. Sankarshan Palitray, 11. Prasanna Mohapatra, 12. 13. Krutibash Dash (Principal), 14. Debenendra Mani Singh, 15. Tripathy Sir, 16. ... 17. Trilash Jha (Dyprin) / person

We (1978-matric) batch mates met in school premises, with some of our teachers, after 40 long years, during 2018! [Seen in this picture (given below) are our teachers: Sri Bidhu Bhusan Patnaik, Sri Krutibash Raiguru and Sri Sankarshan Jena.]



Again after two years, in 2020 (just before first wave of COVID-19), we had arranged a get-together of our 1978-Matric batch friends in 2020, at Bhubaneswar (Jaydeb Vatika). [Seen in following picture.]





## College life (1978-85)

### My college days at BJB and my love for subject Statistics:

I passed my matriculation in the year 1978. As I have already described before, (partially due to bad company of some local friends), I didn't do well in my final matriculation exam. Though initially I wanted to join science stream in college (at Bhubaneswar), my uncles suggested that, better I should read at a Premier College at Bhubaneswar; that is BJB college, whatever stream I get. So, I had to compromise then, and decided, 'I should join Arts stream'. I took admission in IA (arts stream), with subjects like Math, Stat, Logic and economics. The subject statistics, which I was not knowing much about it, became a lucky selection, a blessing in disguise for me. This subject statistics, I liked, because of the teachers I got. They were so affectionate, I then decided, I should pursue my higher studies only in this subject **Statistics**. I did my graduation with statistics Honours, then my post-graduation and M Phil in statistics. Also, when I joined management teaching, I taught this subject, and was very successful.

Now, I recall my days during intermediate at BJB. My uncle (Kanduri Subudhi) wanted me to stay with him (at AG Colony quarters, in Unit-IV, BBSR). I was staying with him for one year, for first year. Then there was some misunderstanding so I thought of leaving his residence. When I left, I was not having any residence/ place to stay! So I had to change at least three places (like Pathani-nana quarter), before I finally moved to the Badagad area (near BJB college), to stay with my close friend Mr. Manoj, Rout. Manoj was genuinely a nice friend and a very simple natured boy. We both cooked (for all our meals) together, we studied together and we enjoyed our stay for the remaining months of intermediate (IA) days. I owe you dear Manoj!

During my Intermediate (IA), Dr. Uday Nath Rout was our Statistics teacher. He was very affectionate; we liked both, the subject as well as the teacher. For last six months, Dr. Sarat Senapati came to teach us; Uday Rout Sir went to Ravenshaw Cuttack (his hometown). Intermediate Statistics friends were: Biswajit Mohapatra, Pravat Sarangi, Debashish Mohanty, Kshitish Mohanty, Alaka Acharya, Puspanjali, Manoj Rout, Ambika, Rama Narayan Dhal. Some of us joined Ravenshaw College (now a university) to study Statistics under the supervision of Uday Rout Sir, again.

I am still in touch with all my lovely teachers. Such was the bonding that, Uday sir and Sarat sir (and also Sarangi Sir & Arabinda Tripathy Sir), all attended my son's marriage reception. [As seen in the picture, given below.]



1<sup>st</sup> Pic (L to R): Ramnarayan Dhal, Dr. Uday N Rout, Dr. Sarat Senapati, Madam Senapati, and my friend, Dr. Pravat Sarangi. 2<sup>nd</sup> Pic: With my teachers (Prof.s A Tripathy, UN Rout, Sarat Senapati; sitting: J Sarangi)

My intermediate and graduation, both the degrees were ok for me. But in PG (at Utkal), I got again distracted (from studies) in the final year. I got elected as cultural secretary of hostels and was involved in the cultural activities. I had conducted one-act-plays and other competitions. So, I didn't do well in the final exam of PG statistics. So I had to repeat one or two papers and finally I got first division in my post-graduation. Then myself, along with Pravat Sarangi and two other seniors (Kunja Bihari Panda and Sishir Nayak), went to Meerut, to do our MPhil degree.

At that time, MPhil was not there at Utkal University. So we all four went to Meerut to pursue MPhil, at Meerut University, Meerut. Meerut town was having extreme climate. During winter it was too cold, and during summer it was extremely hot. That was very uncommon to us. During winter, we used the heater and during summer we poured water in our hostel room (at night). During exam, as I remember, we had requested the head of department (Prof. LR Goel) to use heater, so that it could write properly (our hands would freeze/ shiver in winter, making it difficult to write quickly). Prof. Goel (whom we had got as our external examiner for our PG statistics exam at Utkal University) was very affectionate and took our care.

Other local MPhil classmates were JP Singh Joorel (who is now heading Infilbnet, an initiative of Govt. of India, and I am still in touch with him, whose recent picture given at page-28), Saxena and Agnihotri from UP.

## **My Ravenshaw College Days, at Cuttack (1980-82):**

### **BA with Statistics honours at Ravenshaw**

My admission at Ravenshaw College (now a University) and stay at famous west hostel as a boarder, for the two years of my graduation (BA, Statistics honours with Mathematics pass), during 1980-82 is very memorable. It is because of the subject statistics (with less students) I got a seat in west-hostel. That was my first formal hostel life, and my first stay at the historic city of Cuttack. Initially, I was allotted Jagannath Chhatrabas/ hostel, which was located near Jobra area, temporarily, for two weeks.

[First two pictures are recent pictures, taken by me in 2021, while the third picture, taken by my friend Hari Bharti, in 1980.]



PC: Hari Bharti

### **Millennium Silver-City Cuttack and Ravenshaw history:**

Cuttack city, as we all know, was established as the capital city (of the then kings) during 989 AD and that it celebrated 1000 years of its establishment in 1989. After occupation by British rulers, from 1816 onwards, Cuttack remained the headquarters of Odisha, all through the British rule.

After the terrible famine of 1866, when thousands died, first medical of Odisha was created, here at Cuttack (named as Orissa Medical School) during 1875. Cuttack Municipality came into existence in 1876. Same year, Cuttack Zilla School (/ Ravenshaw Collegiate School) was elevated to a college, in 1876. Ravenshaw College and Ravenshaw Collegiate School were separated in 1904. Ravenshaw College was first affiliated to Calcutta University in 1876. Then affiliation of the College was transferred to Patna University on 1 October 1917. In 1922, Ravenshaw College got its own magnificent building (inaugurated on April 5). Only during 1924, Ravenshaw College got its electricity generating Power Plant, and thus got electricity light and piped water (for the first time). Prior to that, students were using lanterns

and college was lighted using British made kerosene lamps. This college (hall) was also used (initially) for Orissa Legislative Assembly. On 1936 April-1, as new province of Odisha came into being, Sir John Austin Hubback was administered the oath as Governor of Odisha in the Ravenshaw College Hall (now called Heritage Hall). First Legislative Assembly of Orissa started from the (Ravenshaw) College Hall, on July-28, 1937.

This is, in brief, the history of Cuttack and Ravenshaw College/ University, where many legendary persons have graduated and have made Odisha in general, and the Odia community in particular, proud.

### **Ravenshaw University - Notable Alumni**

- Annada Shankar Ray, famous writer;
- Baidyanath Misra - Vice-Chancellor OUAT & Chairman of Odisha State Planning Board; Chairman, Odisha State Finance Comm.
- Bidhu Bhusan Das, Academician, Vice Chancellor, DPI Odisha
- Biju Patnaik, former Chief Minister of Odisha and freedom fighter
- Bishwanath Das, Politician, Freedom fighter, CM, Governor,
- Chintamani Panigrahi, activist, and former Governor of Manipur
- Devdas Chhotray, Administrator, Writer, Poet, Vice Chancellor,
- Gopabandhu Das, Poet, Eminent Freedom fighter, Social activist
- Gopinath Mohanty, Jnanapitha award-winning writer
- Harekrushna Mahatab, former Chief Minister of Odisha
- Jayanta Mahapatra, eminent poet
- Jogesh Pati, Academician, eminent Scientist
- Kalindi Charan Panigrahi, Writer, Padma Bhushan awardee
- Kamakhya Prasad Singh Deo, Central Minister (I&B), MP
- Lalit Mansingh, former foreign secretary, Govt. of India
- Madhusudan Das, Lawyer, Freedom fighter, Social activist,
- Mayadhar Mansingh, eminent poet and educationist,
- Nabakrushna Choudhuri, ex-Chief Minister of Odisha
- Nandini Satpathy, Chief Minister of Odisha, (1973-1976),
- Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Eminent Freedom fighter,
- Nilamani Routray, CM, Freedom fighter
- Prabhat Nalini Das, Pro Vice Chancellor, Academician, Feminist, Dean IIT Kanpur



- Prana Krushna Parija, Academician, eminent Scientist
  - Pratibha Ray, Jnanapitha award-winning writer
  - Rabi Ray, former Speaker of Lok Sabha
  - Ranganath Misra, former Chief Justice of India
  - Sachidananda Routray, eminent poet and Jnanapitha awardee
  - Sitakant Mahapatra, eminent poet, Jnanapitha Award winner
  - Trilochan Pradhan, Academician, eminent Scientist
- (just to name a few, listed in alphabetic order).



Pic.1: West Hostel in 1980's; Pic.2: Centenary Postal cover and stamp



Above pictures (and those at next page) are on get-together of Ravenshaw alumni, on eve of 150<sup>th</sup> year (sesquicentennial) celebration function:





PC: Taken from Ravenshaw University website

[Source: [https://ravenshawuniversity.ac.in/?page\\_id=28672](https://ravenshawuniversity.ac.in/?page_id=28672) ]

## **My hostel life (at West Hostel, Ravenshaw College)**

During my graduation, I had the chance of staying in college hostel for first time, and that too at the famous West hostel, where many legends had stayed, at same hostel. This College recently celebrated 150 years of its existence. When I joined, I was first allotted (for three weeks) a small hostel, called Jagannath chhatrawas, (near Jobra) Cuttack. But later, when hostel seat allotment was made subject wise, I was the loan applicant for hostel seat from statistics. So, I got a single room in west hostel. We had common toilet; hostel mess was outside the hostel. This hostel life was academically congenial for good students (for study and other curricular activities). Some of my friends got selected into civil service; many of my friends became bank officers and LIC officers, in their future life. Our hostel superintendent was Prof. Ajodhya Prasad Naik (and later Dr. AZF Rub had taken over), and our Asst. Supdt. was Dr. Ghanashyam Panda. Prof. GS Panda then became my colleague at BU.

## **First International Cricket Match at Barabati Stadium (27.1.82)**

During our student days, at Barabati stadium, the most memorable Sporting event was played. It is worth remembering, with some details. It is the first ever international cricket match to be played between India and England at Barabati. Star cricketers like, Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev, Yashpal Sharma, Dillip Vengsarkar, Sandeep Patil (from Indian side), and Keith Fletcher, David Gower, Graham Gooch, Ian Botham (from England side) were the star attractions, for this match. Tickets were sold much before the event.

Those days, unfortunately, hooliganism and ticket snatching cases were there. Some of my student friends who had luckily purchased tickets to witness that cricket match. I remember a friend, who had purchased a ticket, was threatened by local hooligan, who asked the student friend to surrender the ticket. So he finally decided to surrender that ticket and better to leave for his village. Such was the tension that day, that, even I also left for my village.




**IND**



**ENG**

231-5

230-6

Overs: 42.0

RR: 5.50

vs seam: 5.21

Overs: 46.0

RR: 5.00

vs spin: 3.40

vs seam: 5.08

India won by 5 wickets



India won the toss and elected to field

England - 1st Inns

230-6 (46.0; RR: 5.00)

| BATSMAN                  | R  | B  | 4 | 6 | SR     |
|--------------------------|----|----|---|---|--------|
| GA Gooch c Lal b Lal     | 3  | 11 | 0 | 0 | 27.27  |
| G Cooke Nayak b Patil    | 30 | 75 | 2 | 0 | 40.00  |
| CJ Tavar c Lal b Shastri | 11 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 64.71  |
| DI Gower c & b Patil     | 42 | 59 | 4 | 0 | 71.19  |
| IT Botham b Nayak        | 52 | 52 | 5 | 2 | 100.00 |
| (C) KWR Fletcher b Lal   | 69 | 52 | 4 | 4 | 132.69 |
| MW Gatting not out       | 8  | 12 | 0 | 0 | 66.67  |
| RW Taylor not out        | 2  | 2  | 0 | 0 | 100.00 |

India - 1st Inns

231-5 (42.0; RR: 5.50)

| BATSMAN                       | R  | B  | 4  | 6 | SR     |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|---|--------|
| Gavaskar stTaylor b Underwood | 71 | 87 | 10 | 0 | 81.61  |
| Arun Lal c Gooch b Botham     | 9  | 12 | 1  | 0 | 75.00  |
| Vengsarkar c Willis b Gooch   | 13 | 27 | 1  | 0 | 48.15  |
| SM Patil b Underwood          | 64 | 55 | 7  | 0 | 116.36 |
| Yashpal Sharma not out        | 34 | 48 | 3  | 0 | 70.83  |
| Kapil Dev c Gooch b Underwood | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0 | 0.00   |
| AO Malhotra not out           | 28 | 24 | 3  | 0 | 116.67 |

India Bowling

| BOWLERS    | O    | M | R  | W | Econ |
|------------|------|---|----|---|------|
| Kapil Dev  | 8.0  | 3 | 23 | 0 | 2.88 |
| Madan Lal  | 8.0  | 0 | 56 | 2 | 7.00 |
| SV Nayak   | 10.0 | 1 | 51 | 1 | 5.10 |
| RJ Shastri | 10.0 | 1 | 34 | 1 | 3.40 |
| SM Patil   | 10.0 | 0 | 53 | 2 | 5.30 |

BOWLERS

| BOWLERS    | O    | M | R  | W | Econ |
|------------|------|---|----|---|------|
| RGD Willis | 6.0  | 1 | 29 | 0 | 4.83 |
| IT Botham  | 8.0  | 0 | 48 | 1 | 6.00 |
| JK Lever   | 10.0 | 0 | 55 | 0 | 5.50 |
| GA Gooch   | 8.0  | 0 | 39 | 1 | 4.88 |
| Underwood  | 10.0 | 0 | 48 | 3 | 4.80 |

India won by 5 wickets

[Scorecard of first ODI at Barabati Stadium, between Ind & England.]

However, we watched the historic match from electronic media. In that match, the toss was won by India. However, India elected to field first. In that match Kapil Dev could not do well. Gavaskar had scored 71; Sandeep Patil had scored 64. From England side, Fletcher and Botham had both scored fifties. Finally, India had won the match by 5 wickets.

## Visiting Ravenshaw later was a pleasure in my life:

### Feelings of a ‘home coming’, each time!

My friend Pravat Sarangi joined Ravenshaw University as a teacher and headed the department of Statistics, where we both were students. As both of us are now into academics, we interacted academically, professionally, more often, in our later part of our career. Whenever I got a chance (invitation), I made it a point to visit my almamater. I have been visiting Ravenshaw as BoS member, Examiner, Invited Speaker and resource person for various academic events. I got chance to meet again my own teachers.





## Addressing students of statistics, at Ravenshaw University



[With my teachers: Prof. Arabinda Tripathy, Prof. Jitendriya Sarangi (sitting), Prof. Uday Nath Rout and Prof. Sarat Senapati]

I myself had organised, in the capacity of ORSI Chapter President, couple of state level seminars, at Ravenshaw University, and each time I had enjoyed visiting my almamater (and the hospitality of my friend, Pravat Sarangi, the HoD of Statistics department, who retired this year, in 2022).

## PG days at Utkal University Bhubaneswar

### Vanivihar socio-cultural and literary experience

I joined PG Department of Statistics in July 1982 for my Masters degree. As there were only a few statistics students, our admission was given priority, and Pravat and I got National Merit Scholarship, during our PG. First year, I was staying in (double-bedded room of) Gopabandhu Chhatrabas (hostel), with one Political Science Student, Gagan Bihari Sahu. Second year, we all got single rooms (in Fakir Mohan hostel). I was the hostel cultural secretary, and also, for our Statistics department PRC (Population Research Centre), I served as its secretary (with a stipend of Rs 200 PM, for 5 months).

We liked then the teaching (and personal care) of Prof. I.S. Rao. Prof Jitendriya Sarangi was professor and head, and we had deep respect for him. As I liked him, later I decided to do my PhD under his supervision (in 1990's). Other teachers, during my student days, were Prof.s Radha Gobind Mohanty, Minati Mishra (both left for USA and got settled there), and Prof. AKPC Swain, Umakant Khuntia, Panchanan babu and Bijay babu. {Prof. Gopabandhu Mishra, Pradip Tripathy, Lokanath Sahu and Kunja Behari Panda (all Statistics Department alumni) joined the department later, after our studentship.}





1984 pictures of Statistics friends of Utkal University Vanivihar (Bhubaneswar). Pic-1: Saraswati Puja (Swarup, Kartik, Purna, Tapan, Bijay, Rama (standing), Ashok and myself). Pic-2: Seminar activities of Statistics department (with our professors: J Sarangi and IS Rao). Sitting (front row): Rama Mohanta, Pravat Sarangi, Rabi Subudhi, Swarup Panda.



**Prof. IS Rao, J Sarangi, RG Mohanty, Purna, Rabi**

### **PG Statistics students of Utkal University 1984**

During my PG days, (when having a bi-cycle was a luxury for me), a local thief had stolen my bi-cycle, during day time, when our class was going on. I felt very bad.

As cultural secretary of hostel, I had organized an inter-hostel one-act play competition (in main auditorium) for all hostels, in a big way. The then Vice Chancellor (Prof. Manmath Nath Das) had granted sufficient funds for this 4-day event.



[Above pic: After successful completion of the inter-hostel one-act-play completion of Utkal University Vanivihar, which I had organised as Secretary. With me, in this 1984 picture, are Partha Mandal, Prasad Harichandan, Dillip Mandhata, Ram Narayan Dhal, Pradip Mishra, Samantaray, Girish Mohanty. (sitting): Purna Guru, Pravat Sarangi and Asit Mohanty. For the final day, prize-giving ceremony, I had invited popular Odia cine artists like, Bijay Mohanty and Dhiren Patnaik.]

Like other students of campus, I was also preparing for different competitive examinations, as job was necessary for me and my family (and was buying GK books and other material). Even after PG studentship, we stayed outside the campus, forming student-mess (in VSS Nagar, along with my friends Kartik Panda and Prafulla Panda). I had also appeared (unsuccessfully) civil service exam once and SBI PO exam once. Even I could not succeed in MTech/ MStat entrance test of ISI Kolkata (as my preparation for those exams were not satisfactory).

But, as one may call it aspart of destiny, we (four of us) decided and went to Meerut for our MPhil course, and then I joined a central Govt. job (NSSO), relating to my subject, statistics.

## **Meeting with Biju babu and Janaki babu, same year during 1982**

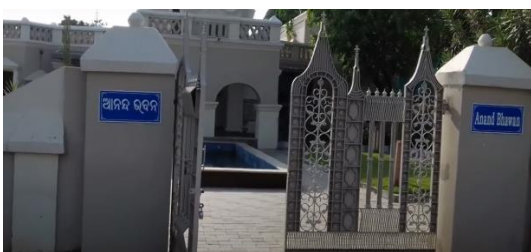
I was very shy till the completion of my graduation. Perhaps because of my rural background (and shyness), I had limited friends, mostly with similar simple-shy natured personality. My father had to pay educational expenses of three of us (me, my younger brother and sister), with much difficulty. He would often suggest me to try for some financial assistance for my higher education (after graduation). I came to know about 'Kalinga Foundation Trust', instituted by **Sri Biju Patnaik** and that poor-cum-merit scholarships

are given from this trust. But, during last election Biju babu (and his team) had lost miserably. His industries were also making huge loss. So, some one cautioned me that, Biju babu is not in a good mood. But, somehow I decided to meet him alone, at his Tulasipur residence (Anand Bhawan), one evening, after my class.

The day I ventured to enter his residence, it was already 6 PM; Biju babu was sitting alone in a pensive mood on a cane chair. I garnered courage and apprised him about the purpose of my visit, very politely (and feebly). He was upset and initially hesitated, and replied, “Why coming to me, why not your CM, Janaki. Go to Janaki”. I was literally shivering with fear; stood there like a statue for 3,4 minutes. Then Biju babu somehow budged, and directed me to meet his PS (and Secretary of KFT), Chandra (?). I gave my written application to PS, and returned to my hostel room, walking all the way (from Tulasipur to Ravenshaw).

To my pleasant surprise, very next month, I got KTF (Kalinga Trust Fellowship) award/ selection letter. Fellowship was for one year, with monthly stipend of Rs.150/- (which was a decent amount for a student, those days).

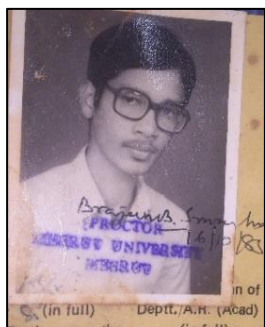
Same year, my friend (and family relation) Prasad Harichandan (former PCC Chief, Odisha) had formed a students club/ society, named ‘Sabuja Maitree’ (along with Santanu Naik, Ajit Das and a few other BBSR based batch mates). As a student (congress) leader, he had some link/ connection with the then CM, **Sri Janaki Ballav Patnaik**. (Janaki babu and Prasad’s father, Fakir Harichandan were studying at same (BJB) high school.) He had arranged a personal (one-to-one) meeting with CM Janaki babu, where we all had to go as a team. As CM was always busy, we were granted a meeting time after 10.30 PM, in CM’s residence. That meeting is still fresh in my mind. Even during late, busy evening hours, CM (Janaki babu) was looking very fresh, cool, calm and composed. Prasad apprised CM about the purpose and need. We needed some funds to organise a state level function at Soochana Bhawan (the state auditorium). It was done in just five minutes. CM instructed his PS to arrange advertisements from state owned corporations (for our souvenir) and to reserve Soochana Bhawan for function.



Anand Bhawan: Residence of Sri Biju Patnaik, at Tulasipur, Cuttack

## Meerut University days, during 1985-86

Myself, Pravat Sarangi and two other (Kunja Panda and Sisir Naik) from our senior batch travelled by train (sleeper coach) to Meerut, during July 1985 and stayed in hostel (there was only one boys hostel there then). For education (Nirod) and sociology (Debendra Panigrahi) departments, two other Odia students were also reading there. Though there was some ragging, it was minor. We mostly avoided those UP-*jaath* (rowdy) students. We formed our Odia group. During my one-year MPhil days, I was doing student-tution, to earn some money. I had also worked for a small project for a month (so that I did not trouble my father, much, for my educational expenses). As mentioned earlier, Statistics HoD was Prof. LR Goel, and he was taking our personal care.



[My MPhil studentship i-card, and Picture of University, Meerut]

May be for the first time they got four students from a far-off state like Odisha. And we all were doing well in studies. Sisir Naik left the program half way; we the remaining three completed MPhil with first division. Meerut's extreme climate (too cold in winter and too hot in summer), visit to Meerut cantonment, visit to famous *Nauchandi mela* (of Meerut), imparting of tution to a local student, would be remembered by me, for good.

And during the last week of MPhil program, I got my appointment letter of NSSO (Ministry of Planning), for Statistical Investigator (SI) job.



Met my MPhil Meerut friend Prof. JP Singh Joorel(R), in 2019, at KIIT



## **My first job: NSSO, Ministry of Planning, Govt. of India**

*Reporting at BBSR RAD, then joined Brahmapur office, in 1986.*

During my MPhil days at Meerut University (UP), I had appeared for one selection interview of SSC (New Delhi) for the post of Statistical Investigator, of NSSO (National Sample Survey Organisation), under Ministry of Planning (now Department of Statistics/ MOSPI), Govt. of India. This post was exclusively for PG students of Statistics and Economics. So, there was comparatively less competition. I got selected for Odisha region and had to report to RAD (Regional Asst Director, at Bhubaneswar) very soon. I had completed, by then, MPhil Exam at Meerut but project submission was pending. Somehow, I managed to submit project within one week and then returned to Bhubaneswar, to join NSSO as a Statistical Investigator, during August 1986. Mr. Pachanan Dash (senior student from Utkal University Statistics department) was the RAD at Bhubaneswar, then. My friend Rai Prasad Patnaik (Economics) had also joined, along with me. After one week, P Dash posted me at Brahmapur office of NSSO (perhaps, he thought, 'Subudhi' title means, I might be from Ganjam/ Brahmapur). Rai (Tutu) was posted there at Bhubaneswar. Though I also wanted to stay at capital city Bhubaneswar, my posting at Brahmapur was actually a blessing in disguise. My stay at Brahmapur helped me joining Berhampur University as a Lecturer. I got my friend Bhagirathi Panda (Economics) there at NSSO Brahmapur as my colleague. He had joined there before me and was experienced in this job, there. He invited me to stay with him at his Gajapati Nagar rented house (which I myself purchased, and became the owner of that very small house).

Other staff of that office were also very cooperative. Office head (Superintendent), Mr. AVSP Rao was a very fine gentleman, who loved young bright students like Bhagi and me. Other colleagues of Brahmapur office were: Sabat babu, Padhy babu and Rao (all Asst Supdt.), and Naik and Girija Padhi were my fellow SIs (statistical investigators). It was a touring job, to collect socio-economic data.

As statistical investigator, we had to travel a lot, mostly to rural areas of Ganjam, Gajapati and Phulabani districts, to collect socio-economic data (as per prescribed schedule/ questionnaires of Ministry of Planning (Stat Dept.). Our unit (of NSSO) was called FOD (field operation division). Initially, I enjoyed travelling to villages, hinterlands of South Odisha. Bus was the only mode of travel, then. Many a times, we (I) had to camp there in villages, continuously for 2,3 days (or overnight stay). Sometimes senior staff (superintendent) supervised us. RAD, Mr. P Dash, had also supervised my work once. I was damn confident on my work, then.

Then, we were asked to undergo two months' training at Kolkata (Zonal office for Eastern India), along with all newly appointed Sis of Eastern India. We (five SIs from Odisha) stayed in a budget hotel near Sealdah area, (with colleagues like Rai Patnaik, Behera babu, Jena babu). While undergoing my



# Teaching Job at Berhampur University

(From September 19, 1987 till July, 2007)

Berhampur University (BU) is the second oldest University of Odisha. It was established in the year 1967 when Mr Sadashiv Tripathi was chief minister, and Governor was Ayodhya Nath Khosla. Its first Vice Chancellor was justice Lingaraj Panigrahi. In the year 1972, BU got its new building in new campus. It was inaugurated by, the then president of India, HE Shri VV Giri.



In this famous temple of learning, I served the MBA department, for 22 years, since its inception. During my BU days, I had published four books; I had successfully conducted four conferences and I had guided four PhD Scholars, to my credit. During my 22 years of BU service, I had taken the responsibility of computer lab in-charge, MBA admission in charge, student counselling in charge, and also (for one year) hostel superintendent of one ladies hostel. I was definitely inspired by many towering personalities, friendly colleagues, senior academicians of BU like, Prof.s Hari Har Dash, Saubhagya Mishra, Pramod Kumar Sahu, N C Mahapatra, SP Mohanty, J K Baral, BN Das, Nandkishore, Gouri S Tripathi, PA Khan, Brahma Panda, Neeraj Tripathi, Sudarshan Acharya, Bauri Bandhi Kar, just to name a few.

MBA Department was initially operating with Commerce Department (of BU). Prof. Pramod Kumar Sahu was actual, regular HoD. But, as he was on academic leave (for his visit to Canada), Prof. Ghanashyam Panda was in charge of Com. & Management department. He was with Ravenshaw College, when I was a student there. He was also our hostel Asst Supdt. So, he felt happy to get me in that department. I joined there (on 19.9.1987), along with 8 other newly recruited teaching staff (Prof. PK Sahu, Jyoti Mohapatra, Ashok Ku Mohanty, PK Padhy, Sanjay Patro, Arun Panda for MBA and Prof. Umesh Ch. Patnaik, Prakash Ch Mishra for Commerce).

We all initially sat in one big hall, all newly recruited faculty members, together. We then had better and greater bonding (among new staff). Though Commerce staff wanted to keep MBA program as part of Commerce department, we opposed and after several rounds of meeting with Vice Chancellor, MBA department was separated, getting it independent identity, after one year. We then got our individual faculty rooms, first in Economics-Mathematics building, and then, finally, in our new MBA building.

I got my University identity card from deputy registrar (Trilochan Hota), within two days of my joining. He was a very shrewd person, but an able administrator.

After joining Berhampur University, I thought of staying with Sanjay Patro (near Ashok Nagar, Brahmapur), and hence left the Gajapati Nagar House (and the company of Bhagirathi Panda, my friend and NSSO colleague), for a few months. (Then again, I had to come back to occupy the same Gajapati nagar house, after purchasing it.)



In the old scale (basic pay was Rs. 525), we were getting a little over Rs. 1600. My salary (as shown in old dot-matrix printed salary slip) for November 1987 was Rs.1765, with one increment for my MPhil degree.

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I was new to a subject called 'Management' or even the course 'MBA'. I had education in theoretical and mathematical Statistics. Here, in MBA, it is only applied/ applications of Statistics. Again (along with Business Statistics), I was asked to teach a new paper MIS, which I had not read or taught earlier. My first year teaching was really very unsatisfactory. Statistics paper was ok, but teaching style needed improvement. Luckily, I got a chance to attend one 3-months' teachers training at Chandigarh. There, the main coordinator (Prof. Radhakrishnan) was very, very impressive in his teaching style and in classroom management. That impressed and influenced me very much. What I learnt from him was (his) simplicity, honesty and patience to listen to each student inside the class. That made a sea change in me.

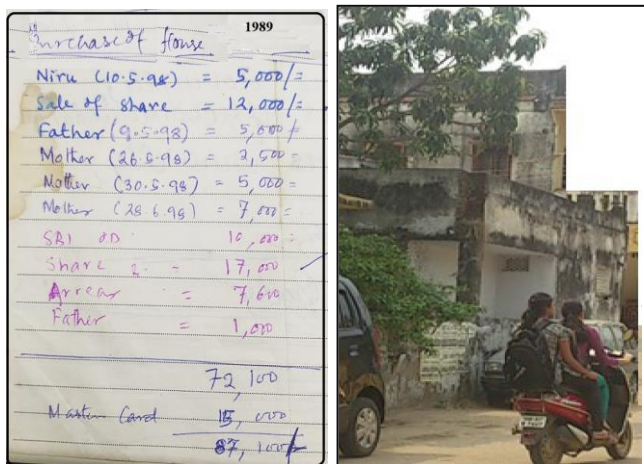
From very next year my teaching improved significantly and enjoyed my teaching profession. There was no looking back!



## Purchased a small house, at Gajapati Nagar, Brahmapur

I first purchased a very small house at Gajapati Nagar area (close to MKCG Medical College) of Brahmapur, from Mr Kedar Nath Apta, during 1989-90. It is the same house, where Bhagirathi and myself were staying initially. Owner was a very nice person. Negotiated cost was Rs. 87,000/- only. But I was not having any balance/ money. Following handwritten notes would explain, how with much difficulty I arranged that amount, from my parents and younger brother, and after selling some equity shares. Those days it was a huge amount for me.

This house (as shown below) was very small, without proper parking space. But my kids grew up here, during there early childhood days.



After a few years, I could save money to buy a better house at Saradhabali Housing complex (developed by Nandighosh builders), having space for parking and our kitchen garden. That did cost me Rs.5.5 lakh during 1997-98. Later, I had spent another 2 lakh rupees for extension.

Both the houses were sold eventually by me, when I decided to leave Brahmapur and settle down at Bhubaneswar.

## Professor at VIT Business School, VIT Vellore (2006-07)

Long delay in my promotion (called, career advancement) at Berhampur University had created some dissatisfaction and restlessness in me. And I started applying for higher posts (Professor) at other places. First invitation (after selection in formal interview) came from VIT University Vellore (in Tamil Nadu). It is a private university (which was growing very fast at that time, with good branding and marketing), owned by Mr. G Viswanathan (a former minister of TN). He himself had taken my interview and he was satisfied. Though timing was not favourable for my family (my father was not well, and my son was to appear his intermediate +2 final

examinations), but I decided to accept offer and join VIT. Govt leave (special leave) and permission from BU helped me taking that bold decision. My wife also supported me. Family stayed back at Brahmapur and I went alone to Vellore.

I requested for hostel accommodation in VIT where we had variety of (choice from north/ south Indian) food. Initial days (for first couple of months) there was quite a learning experience as culture of private university administration (and examination) was very different (from that of Govt. University). They asked me to deposit all my original academic certificates with them (until I leave that job). That was first shock. While most of the colleagues were very friendly and very helpful, couple of colleagues were bit envious. But, I did not care it at all, (as I had one more Govt. job of BU with me). VIT Business School Director (Prof. Anand Samuel) and Chancellor (Mr. Viswanathan), Vice Chancellor, all were liking me. As I was staying alone (in hostel), on all holidays and weekends, I was having enough free time. So, I used to travel all nearby places of importance, with other colleagues who were also staying in hostel like me.

My teaching was quite satisfactory and I was bit friendly with students, outside the class. So, I could develop close personal relationship with many students (particularly with north Indian students, with whom I was talking in Hindi). I organised a conference very successfully (inviting professors from all leading academic institutes. Director, VC and Chancellor became very happy.



I requested Pro-Chancellor (son of Chancellor) to give guesthouse accommodation for my family, for a week. He allowed. I could bring my family to VIT campus. Two of my Tamil colleagues, proactively, arranged a furnished house for my family, close to VIT campus. We all could stay together for a few days in that house (arranged free of cost by a colleague,

who was really so nice to me). I was missing my family and home cooked food. [After 3, 4 months, I could not enjoy the hostel food. It was difficult to take south Indian food, regularly for months together. I could not adjust myself to the food (even after changing 5, 7 hostel mess/ canteens).

My parents were also missing me. My wife had to go back to Brahmapur, for kids’ exam. She was also facing lot of difficulty, managing all house chores. Then, my father became critically ill. I had to rush back (taking leave). As I reached Brahmapur, my father passed away, the very next day (at my Brahmapur residence). As if... my father was waiting just for my arrival! After cremation and other rituals at my native village, I had to return to VIT. Then I decided to return to Odisha.

Luckily, I got an invitation from KIIT (another private university, in Odisha), without any interview, to join as a Professor of Management for their newly started program/ school (MBA in Rural Management, KSRM). It was a blessing in disguise for me and for my family. I tendered my resignation and apprised, first, Prof. Anand Samuel (Director, VIT-BS). All were surprised as they were not expecting me to leave so soon. They were very much satisfied over my performance and attitude. VC and Chancellor called me to persuade and convince me. But I told them honestly, that, after my father’s death, my presence was badly required. Exit interviews (and farewell) happen selectively in private colleges. When they conducted farewell, I felt guilty for leaving such a good organisation. Days at Katpadi (name of railway station) area of Vellore will be most cherished, forever.

I liked their discipline and the well-maintained VIT campus.

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**Super cyclone of October 1999**

**Remembering Super Cyclone of 1999, as my family suffered at Brahmapur**

Recent cyclone (Amphan), which luckily spared Odisha coast, reminds previous devastating cyclones, of last year (Fani) or the other deadly super cyclone, happened 20 years back, in 1999. Cyclone of October 1999 was the most devastating natural calamity for Odisha, when we lost over 10,000 human life and millions of animals. Total damage/ loss was estimated then as 40 billion dollars!

I vividly remember those horrifying days (and the nights of October, 1999)!

We were at our own house at Berhampur (Brahmapur), in the newly constructed colony of single storied houses (Sharadha Bali Housing Complex), developed by a builder in low-level land (near Khodasingi - Gopalpur Junction area, on the outskirts of Brahmapur town). My kids were

small then, son hardly of 10 years and my daughter was 6 years old then. It was during October 3rd week, *puja* vacation was given to us. I was serving Berhampur University, then. We had planned to go to our native village (in Khurdha district), very next morning. We had packed almost everything, including snacks n sweets for our village.

That day, evening was somewhat, bit different! But no one had ever thought that the night would be the deadliest one for us!! No prior warning message was given, on cyclone (unlike these days).

At midnight, we (my family of four) woke up to some terrible sound; windows banging all over, gushing wind and heavy rain; Wind blowing at an unimaginably terrifying speed....sound of tree branches falling or flying away.....!! Then we came to understand that some severe cyclone had struck!!

Suddenly, we first remembered (briefly, though) about our small but beautiful kitchen garden, that was maintained passionately by all four of us. But then we had to forget about the plants and trees of our garden! Had thought for a while, about our own survival... as if the whole house (though newly built) might crumble very soon;...doors, windows might go away with the wind...!

We four sat close to each other, holding each other firmly, for the rest part of that deadly night, on cot, till morning, amidst relentless rain and terrifying (stormy) wind.

Pitch dark, it was all around, with terrifying hissing sound!!

There was no light/ electricity, that night. Perhaps, not to know who else is also taking shelter, on sofa, or on floor!

Early in the morning, as we could see our surrounding, beyond cot/ bed (the only safe place of my family), we could find water getting inside all the rooms; dirty muddy water.. all around!!! Though there was not much water (in height), still it was alarming! I could find variety of small creatures, inside the rooms! First, I had a glance at the backyard and the outside! It looked like an ocean! I decided to take my kids and wife to rooftop; to leave the bedroom immediately. Could convince my wife first to move out. But....when I opened the exit door and the iron-grill-door, my wife was about to collide with two snakes, hanging innocently from top portion of grill (iron-gate)!!!

My wife screamed and almost fainted, by the very presence of those innocent but unwanted guests. Kids came running, curious to see for themselves, the 'guests', the cool snakes, resting in safe!

Outside the house, the water level was much higher, over 3 to 4 feet (by 7 am). The steps to our rooftop were from outside my house, in the backyard. Backyard exit door to those steps, overlooking our garden, was of hardly 15 meters' distance! But that looked like an ocean (of flood water)! My wife refused to move or venture in that muddy water, out of fear! With much



difficulty, I could finally convince, first, my wife and then the kids, to vacate the living rooms and to go to roof top, with whatever little eatables we had (mostly packed for our planned visit to village), and water.

By the time we reached rooftop, it was around 8 am and there was bright sunshine. My house was at the extreme end of the colony and then a vast stretch of open barren field, over looking Khodasingi and Bhabinipur villages. One could see water, water everywhere. Water level was rising continuously, now over 5 feet on road and in the outside field, (up to Bhabinipur). Our Sharadhabali housing complex was cut-off from town, from rest part of the world!

There was no rain, but water level was still rising, till 2 pm. Entire Saradhabali area looked like a huge river, flowing in full fury! (The entire housing complex/ colony was in between two huge natural drains and a low area, used as the exit root for excess water for Bhabinipur side of town).

Water started receding by afternoon! No water inside house! But water was still flowing over colony roads! We came down from rooftop, after a horrific sojourn of over 10 hours! Slept/ spent that night with much difficulty. (We had only bread and cakes with us, and luckily some drinking water!).

Next morning many well-wishers came rushing with food packets and things improved, bit very fast.

Though the cyclone is now a 'thing of past', I still remember how we lived that night on snacks n fruits and how my kids witnessed (suffered/ enjoyed??) a huge flood (ବହୁତ ବଡ଼ା), where variety of snakes, wild rats and huge frogs being swept away in flood water, close to our house.

I still remember, how some friends (good Samaritans) came rushing for our rescue next day, in chest deep water (Bijay Patnaik and Late Kali charan Panda, were first to come) and how a local labour (Parasu), known to me, came with his wife, on his own, and cleaned my mud-filled house, voluntarily, free! And, the then AP CM Mr Chandrababu Naidu sending first, relief and rescue team to Brahmapur! (The team could restore basic amenities within next 3 days!)

I remember my Bajaj Classic scooter and neighbour's Maruti- 800 getting drowned in flood water, inside our garages.

Then, two days after it struck Ganjam, the super cyclone struck coastal Odisha again and completely devastated Paradeep, Erasama area; and in that worst ever natural calamity, happened to Odisha, human fatality had crossed over 10,000!

I also remember, how a local newspaper (Anupam Bharat) of Brahmapur could manage to publish all its print edition and supply the copies to state capital Bhubaneswar. For complete one week all newspapers from Cuttack and Bhubanewsar were closed (as their office premises were

completely damaged by the cyclone. I remember going with MD of Media Anupam (Late Kalicharan Panda) to some inaccessible areas, on his motorbike.



People used candle, kerosene lamps and palm-leaf fans, as there was no electricity for one week, in affected areas. This picture is of Bhubaneswar.

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## My computer learning, training:

Along with my own subject (Statistics), I was asked (at BU) to teach a new (computer related) paper, MIS. Those days, on 1990's, computers were quite new in university education. To help interested college teachers learn computer, central Government had then launched a 'teachers' training program (TTP)', with full financial support. I got a chance join such programs, sponsored by my employer (BU), as I was to teach computer related papers in MBA program. I travelled by flight, for the first time in my life (in 1989), to attend that Govt sponsored program.

First, during 1989 (May-Aug), I joined the 12 weeks Comp training (funded by DoE, Govt. of India), at TTTI Chandigarh. Prof. Radhakrishnan was the coordinator of that TTP. I had really a very good academic exposure. More over the very teaching style of Prof. Radhakrishnan impacted and impressed me. I must admit, it helped me becoming an effective teacher, there after. Again, during 1990 (May –June), I attended one more Computer Training (MCATTP) at IIT Kharagpur. Met Prof. Gokulananda Patel (who later became Registrar of BIMTECH Delhi), Prof. Sanghamitra Mohanty (from Utkal, who later became VC of Baripada University), and a few other teachers colleagues, as co-trainees. That training, (residential, full time), was again sponsored by Govt. of India (Ministry of Electronics).

These computer training had helped me a lot in my professional life. I became the computer Lab in charge of BU MBA department. That had also helped me for my academic networking. We then first had 486- computers.

## **In-service training programs at IIT and IIMs**

As I could not read at premier academic institutions, (unlike other teachers of good institutes), and as I was denied PhD admission at IIT Kharagpur (despite having a fellowship), I had a dream of attending classes (as a student) of IITs and IIMs. During my service career, I tried to avail every possible opportunity to join (in-service) training programs at premier institutes. As per UGC guidelines and requirement (for University teachers' promotion), I had attended four refresher/ orientation programs, of four weeks each.

First, during Feb 5-29, 1992, I attended an orientation program at JNU (Academic Staff College) New Delhi. Prof. Babu was the coordinator of that program. While doing my MPhil at Meerut, I had stayed in JNU campus as guest of my JNU friend, and had lot of fascination for this lovely campus. Now after 7 years, I got some bonafide studentship/ trainee status, with hostel accommodation in campus. That was really a great feeling staying for a month.

Thereafter, I had chance of joining different IITs (Kharagpur for a 45-days program and Chennai, Kanpur, Delhi and Mumbai campus for one week programs), and finally longer duration program at IIM Ahmedabad.

During June 3-30, 1994, I had attended Orientation program at Pondicherry University (at ASC, for four weeks), which I had attended with Mr. Arun Panda (of BU). Had a good experience/ stay at PU Pondicherry and visited important places of Pondicherry, including Sri Aurobindo ashram. Then, during 2001 (Sept 5-25), I had attended a (4-weeks') refresher course at Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswavidyalay Tirupati with Prof. Pratap Mohanty (Marine Sc.) and Susant Ku Das (Comp. Sc.). It was necessary for our promotion. During January 5-24, 2004, I attended my last refresher course (in Management) at BU; Prof. Debi Pr Mishra had coordinated that program as Head of Department.

Also during 1995 Nov 6-11, I had attended one-week long FDPM at ICFAI Hyderabad. But my days at IIM Ahmedabad was the most cherished one! Attending the FDPM at IIM Ahmedabad, was like a 'dream-come-true' event for me. Course fee for the four month program was Rs.25,000 then (now it is close to 2 lakh INR). But I got back, in the form of a scholarship of 15,000 from IIM. Others who attended the program, were Parimal Vyas, Vedanta Pandya, Nirali Shah (from Gujarat); Shatif (Maldives), Abu Saleh and Millan (Bangladesh), Jaymah (Sri Lanka), Jajna Prasad Subedi (Nepal), Nityananda Jati & S Moharana from Odisha, etc.

Prof. Vijay Sheri Chand was FDPM program coordinator - director. And during the last week of this program (February 2002), the infamous Godhra riot (worst of its kind) had happened. Our batch could not leave campus, as entire city was burning. All our return tickets got wasted. After one week, we could leave campus with much difficulty, for our respective destinations.



1995 program at ICFAI Hyderabad; FDPM of IIM Ahmedabad, 2001-02



## Godhra incident (Gujarat riot, Feb-2002)

I had been to IIM Ahmedabad for a 4-months long teachers training program (full-time, residential), along with 32 other teachers, coming from different parts of India and neighbouring countries, starting from November 1, 2001. The program was all set to end on February 28, 2002 and we all had booked our return tickets well in advance. February last week was with winding up sessions, and with proposed outings and local visits, by all of us. But all our plans gone for a toss, and we all were stranded, with unimaginable shock and uncertainties, as serious riots happened on the penultimate day! It spread across the state like wild fire. Entire city of Ahmedabad was burning!!

On the morning of 27 February 2002, the Sabarmati Express, returning from Ayodhya to Ahmedabad, stopped near the Godhra railway station.

“The passengers were Hindu pilgrims, returning from Ayodhya. An argument erupted between the train passengers and the vendors on the railway platform. It was followed by burning of train (Sabarmati Express) at Godhra, on 27 February 2002, which caused the deaths of 58 Hindu pilgrims and karsevaks returning from Ayodhya, is cited as having instigated the violence. Following the initial riot incidents, there were further outbreaks of violence in Ahmedabad for three months. There were further outbreaks of violence against the minority Muslim population of Gujarat for the next one year. According to official figures, the riots ended with 1,044 dead, 223 missing, and 2,500 injured. Of the dead, 790 were Muslim and 254 Hindu. The Concerned Citizens Tribunal Report estimated that as many as 1,926 may



have been killed. Other sources estimated death tolls in excess of 2,000. Narendra Modi, then Chief Minister of Gujarat and later Prime Minister of India, was then accused of condoning the violence.” (Wikipedia, internet sources).

And for all of us, inside the IIM campus, it was full of fear and uncertainties! Ahmedabad was completely shutdown; gates were sealed; we could not move out for 5 days; all our return tickets got wasted/ cancelled. Banks, ATMs were not operational then. Many of us had no money to buy tickets again. I remember vividly how the faculty members of IIM-A came forward offering monetary help. Prof. Arabinda Tripathy, my supervisor, gave me Rs. 10,000 cash for my return ticket, and also arranged a (known) taxi driver, who venture to take me (and Bally) to the airport early in the morning. We booked our flight tickets, from airport, by paying cash. We were very much terrified, till we boarded our flight, and finally it took off. I remember, on 5<sup>th</sup> day, when flights resumed service, seats were almost vacant (80%).

I travelled by flight from Ahmedabad to Hyderabad; and then by train (from Hyderabad to Brahmapur, my previous workplace).

That horrifying experience (of one week) is still afresh, in my mind!

### **My Radio talk and participation in TV live-shows**

My first radio talk (on 11.3.97) was at AIR Berhampur centre, thanks to the station director, Hrushikesh Panigrahi, and again by Santanu Rath, for their invitations. During 1980's I had visited AIR Cuttack centre many times.

Regarding my appearances in TV shows, though I had very brief appearance as PG student team at Cuttack dooradarshan Kendra, way back in 1983, I got first major participation for budget analysis discussion in 2011, invited by eTV (it was very popular those days). On 16.3.12, I went to BBSR studio of eTV (near Sriya talkies), for my TV interview on budget analysis. Other experts/ panellists were Sri Natabar Khuntia, and it was hosted/ compered by Mr. Deba Prasad Das. It was telecast live, that day. Many of my relatives could watch it, that day.

### **My literary activities at Brahmpur (Berhampur)**

As mentioned earlier, when I was doing PhD, I got free time and I got diverted from academics. I decided to publish one Odia literary magazine, entitled **Disha**. One of those days, once I was returning from Bhubaneswar to Brahmapur, and in same train compartment, a young entrepreneur, Kalicharan Panda, was also returning. He was seriously thinking of publishing a periodical or in newspaper, on which he himself was not clear. When he came to know about my interest in Publications, then he invited me to join his Publication unit.



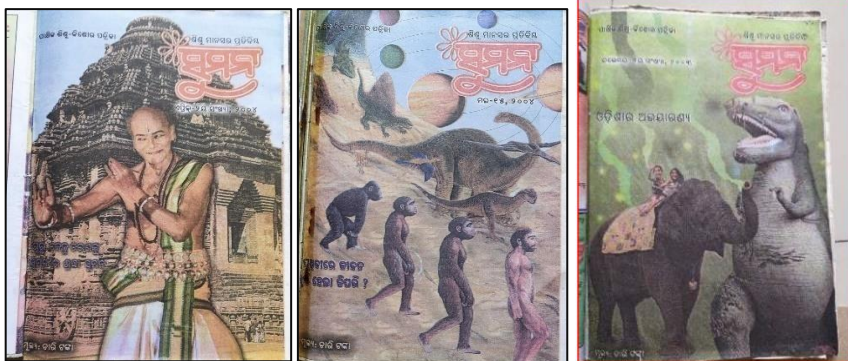
First, he united a few persons like me and suggested to publish a monthly Oriya magazine. We also named it as **Anupama**. But, before it was released, he decided to go for a daily newspaper and he was advised by Mr. Manoj Das (famous writer) to name it as **Anupam Bharat**. So, the monthly magazine Anupama could not be published; and we all joined hands to make Anupam Bharat a unique and successful newspaper. Manoj Das was writing editorial every Monday (from his Pondicherry ashram). It was having healthy news, unique features, and it was printed on good quality paper. Within months, this paper became the leading newspaper of South Odisha. Anupam Bharat has recently completed 25 years. For the first 10 years (until death of Kali babu), I was deeply involved in all activities of this printing house.



Sri Kalicharan Panda wanted to mobilize local writers and network with them for this paper. So we had travelled almost all districts of state, together (along with the editor Sarat Mishra and the other advisor, Prof. Saroj Panda). We had organized several workshops at Koraput Balasore, Bhubaneswar and some other places.

I was writing almost every week, on topics relating to business, economics and Management. I was also guiding its business page. Then I suggested to have a children's supplement (of newspaper, Anupam Bharat), weekly. We named it as **Suman**. I was its founding editor. Then I dared to make it a separate magazine, publishing every fortnight. It became very popular. We gave priority to scientific and informative articles, for the benefit of young children. This magazine Suman was published continuously for five

years. Then I left Brahmapur (as Kali Babu died in one tragic road accident). After that, this magazine could not be continued/ published further.



I was also conducting many (all Odisha) quiz competitions among the high school students of entire state, in the name of, first as ‘*Anupam Pratiyogita*’ and later, as ‘*Kalicharan Memorial Anupam Pratiyogita*’.

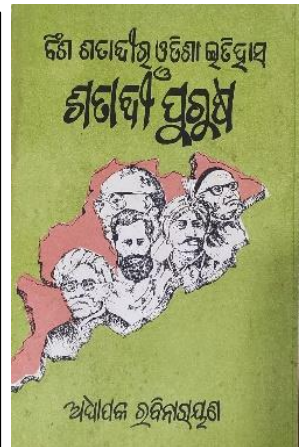
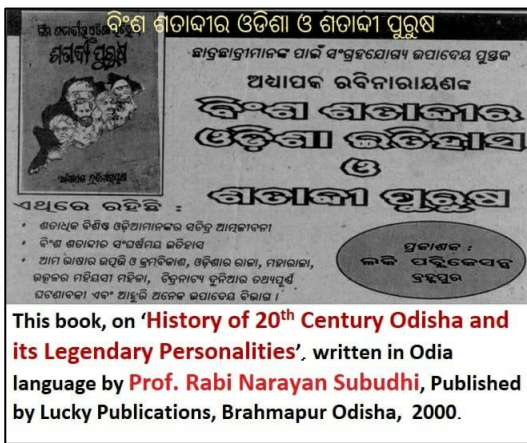


I was also involved in reviving the book festival culture at Brahmapur, under the table leadership of the then RDC, Shri Jagadananda Panda, supported by Sri Kalicharan Panda, Sri Pramod Ku Panda, Ms Amiyabaala Patnaik, Raghunandan babu, Nikhilananda Panigrahi, Hayagriba Tripathy, Prof. Pradip Mohapatra and many other intellectuals of Brahmapur. First book exhibition (Pustak Mela) was held during Feb. 22-23, 2001. It was later supported by NBT (National Book Trust), New Delhi.

I was actively associated with this noble cause for the next four years (until I left Berhampur University Brahmapur, to join KIIT, Bhubaneswar). Everytime, we would publish some lieterary supplement containing rich tradition of Ganjam and South Odisha, and launch it during postal mela.



During my Brahmapur days, I must have written more than 250 articles (in Odia). I also published my first Odia book on legendary persons of Odisha entitled *Satabdi Purusha*. This did not give me academic mileage in my teaching life. After joining KIIT, I focused on research in my academic field.



This book, on 'History of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Odisha and its Legendary Personalities', written in Odia language by **Prof. Rabi Narayan Subudhi**, Published by Lucky Publications, Brahmapur Odisha, 2000.

## My Research and publications

**My own PhD with CSIR fellowship, and my first PhD guidance:**

**Longest ever PhD!**

I had a peculiar (roller coaster) experience on my own doctoral research (PhD). It is perhaps one of the longest duration PhD (research)! Though I first wanted to do my PhD from a premier institute like IIT, I had to settle at doing/ registering at Utkal University Bhubaneswar (in Management department). Because, IIT Kharagpur did not allow to me to appear selection interview, as NOC from my employer could not reach on time. I was somehow lucky to get the kind consent of Prof. Arabinda Tripathy (of IIM Ahmedabad) as my main guide/ supervisor. So, on 9.5.1991, I formally applied for PhD Registration at Utkal University under the joint guidance of Prof. J Sarangi and Prof. A Tripathy. After three months, on 26.8.1991, my PhD Registration application was approved (to be done at Utkal University, Management Dept.). Luckily,



again, I got senior research fellowship (SRF) from CSIR, Govt. of India, for my PhD. Research was in bit slow progress (because of diversion of my attention towards an ill-conceived magazine publication in Odia language); but somehow, after 5 years, (on 23.2.1996), I Submitted my PhD Thesis (in Management) at Utkal University. But the concerned department of University handled/ processed file so sluggishly. One examiner lost my thesis and another did not respond. University did not follow up sincerely. At last, after 4 years of thesis submission, my PhD viva was finally held, on October 30, 2000. Prof. V Sekhar (of Osmania University) came as expert/ examiner. He was very cooperative; agreed to travel by train to conduct the viva.

Thus, my PhD took almost 9 long years! It did cost me dearly, academically. My promotion to the post of professor got delayed, considerably. There was some frustration, as a few less competent candidates joined/ superseded. As there was less (academic) peer pressure, my academic attention got diverted again, and the devoted more time literary activities and publications in Odia newspapers (as detailed in another section).

## **My research guidance and Research Publication**

My first PhD scholar was Mr Anil Sarin. Second scholar was (my wife) Madhumati Devi. These two work, I was not so fully satisfied. But the next scholar was Mr Ratnakar Mishra, who did his research on industrial displacement and took Tata project Gopalpur, as a case study. It was a good work. Then I joined KIIT University. At KSoM (KIIT), I had the opportunity of guiding many Scholars (of School of Management, KIIT University). I would remember and record here the good work of my Scholars, like Braja Ballav Kar, Ratnakar Mishra, Bishwa Bihari Das, Jitendra Kumar Ram, Omar Farooq (from Bangladesh), L Naveen, Abhilash Mishra and Ankita Mishra (Agrawal), to name a few.

So far I have guided (in total) 15 scholars, out of which four theses have already been converted to books.

## **Some of my successful PhD scholars:**

Fifteen research scholars have so far been awarded with their PhD degrees under my supervision. Some of their research work I really liked and enjoyed very much. Research is now a new passion for me, and and I am enjoying its novelty (and of course the success) and recognition! So also the work of editing research journals and books through reputed publishers (like Springer, Emerald and Taylor & Francis). I would record my thanks here to Prof. Nayan Kanwal, for giving me opportunity to edit the special issue of the international journal, Horizon Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences.



Pic-1: Dr. BB Das (during final Viva); Pic-2: Ankita & Omar Faruq (BD)



Above pics: [1]: Jiten Ram, Braja & BB Das; [2]: With Ratnakar Mishra



PhD Viva of Yashaswini Mishra (examiner: Prof. Tattwamashi Paltasingh)



[One of best company with my scholars: Braja, Jiten and BB Das.]

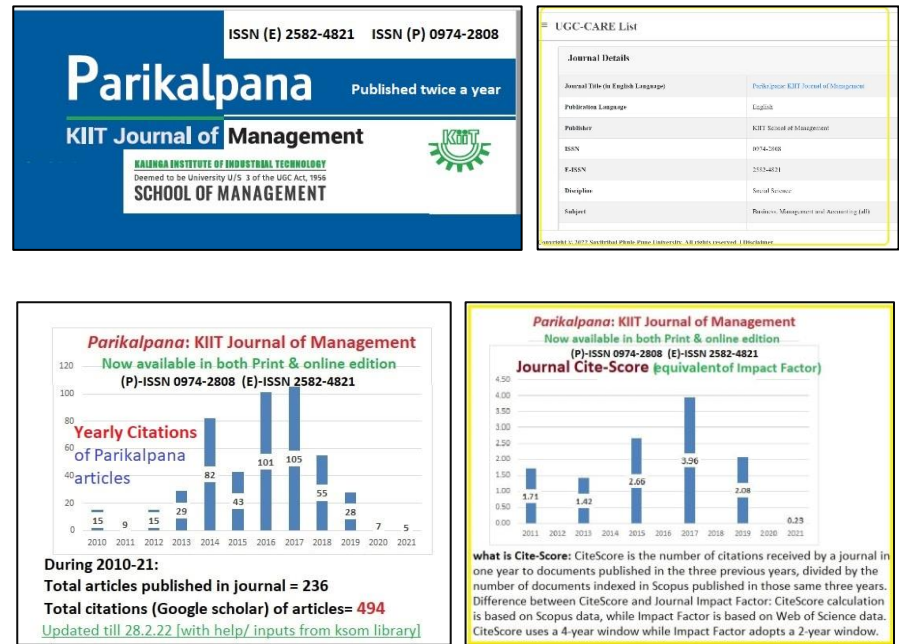
I enjoyed working with most of my scholars; but the academic association with Prof. Ratnakar Mishra (from Berhampur University), and (from KIIT, as in pic), with Prof. Braja Ballav Kar, Dr. Jitendra Kumar Ram and Prof. Biswa Bihari Das, would remain as the most memorable. I have travelled to different places to attend many useful conferences with them, and published books and articles, jointly with them.

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## Research Journal Publication, Editing:

During my Berhampur University days, we were publishing (only a few issues) Management Research journal, Strategy. I was the editor for its first few issues. Thanks to the then HoD, Dr. Ashok Mohanty, who had full faith on me. However, honestly, our research then, at Business Administration department of BU was not so good. I started doing some research only after joining the School of Management. We were asked by authority to publish quality papers regularly. While I got recognition for my literary activities at Brahmapur, it is only at (and due to) KIIT, that I concentrated on academic research and got some significant ‘research visibility’.

I was given the charge of editing the management research journal of KSoM, from 2012. I continuously, and consistently, maintained its circulation, publication and its citations. During my tenure, I extended (from print edition) to online edition and made all issues and articles available online. Its yearly (Google scholar) citations and cite-scores improved. I arranged to get it listed in many global indices, by signing MoUs. This journal has been listed in UGC-CARE list. I am really so happy about it.

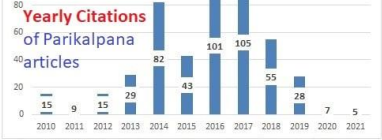


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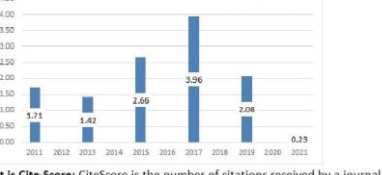
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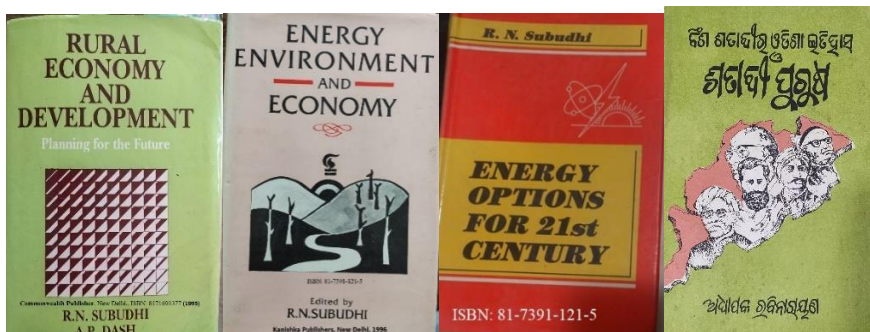
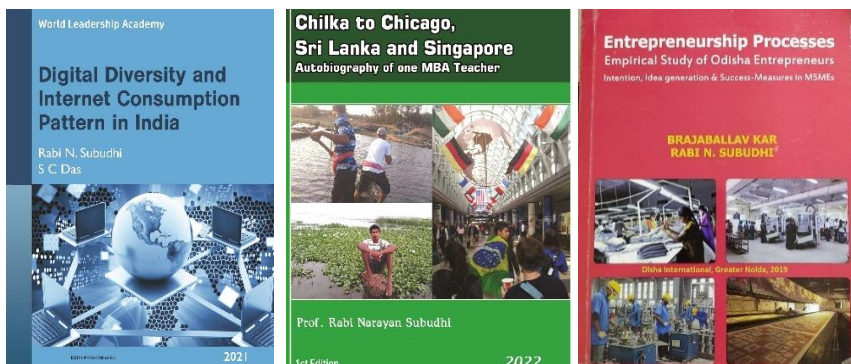
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During my KIIT days, I could publish 7 more books, during last 15 years, (thus, now totalling to 12 books, in last 35 years). Satisfaction came, when Springer published two of my publication projects, and another by Emerald.



Some of the books, which I published during KIIT tenure/ service



Some of the books, which I had published during my BU days.

I could also publish two special issues of an International Research Journal, as Guest Editor (of Horizon Journal of Humanities & Soc. Sc. Research. In this special issue we could publish our ICSSR project based



research papers, and got good citations, just within one year. [This is now available at:[https://horizon-jhssr.com/past-issue.php?V\\_ID=3](https://horizon-jhssr.com/past-issue.php?V_ID=3)]



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PREFACE

This special issue is the outcome of an international Conference organised jointly by KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, India, Operational Research Society of India (ORSI), Bhubaneswar chapter and ICSIR – IMPRESS project of KSoM, KIIT, on a theme, “The ‘new-normal’ life in virtual world: Issues, Challenges & Way forward”, held on June 28, 2020, on digital platform.

It was attended by over 350 delegates, from 7 countries, where 28 research papers and 12 invited talks were presented. Subject experts had affiliation from leading Universities and Institutes of India, Nepal, Bangladesh, UAE, Sri Lanka, Maldives and the USA.

The Conference covered the issue of ‘effectiveness and impact of ‘Digital Medium’ on ‘digital-life’, particularly during the COVID-19 lockdown, in all fields, business, academics or social networking. It was research based ‘experience sharing’ by the ‘stake-holders’, to understand the issues relating to the ‘virtual life’ in this ‘different’ virtual-world, ‘workine from home’ (IWFH) during

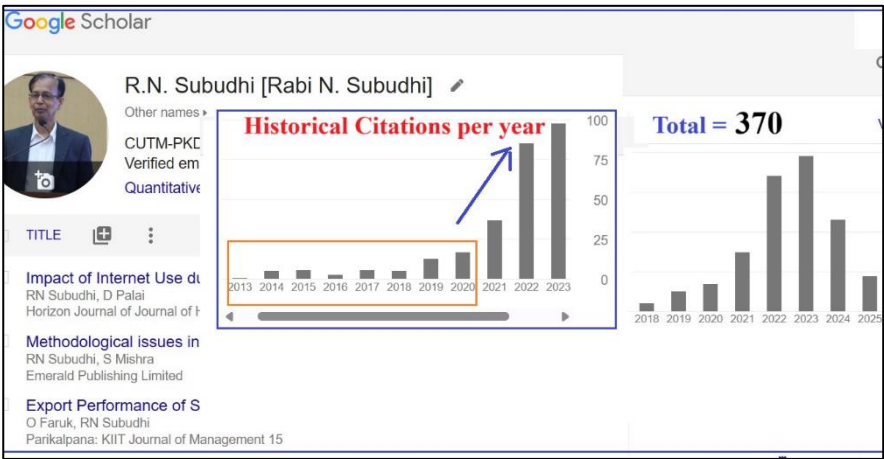


Professor Rabi Narayan Subudhi, Ph.D.  
Guest Editor, JHSSR

## Research Citations

Regarding my impactful research publications (as measured by citations), though it is not so great, I am personally happy. As mentioned earlier, I devoted first 20 years of my teaching career, more on literary activities and publications in Odia language. Those are not having any citation, but I get personal satisfaction.

Coming to my Google scholar citations, since last two years it is really looking up, it stands now at 375+. As I have more papers already accepted (or in pipeline), I sincerely hope, the figure would improve further, by next year.



## Research Projects:

It is only during my KIIT days, I got some really good (funded) major research projects. These funded research projects gave me much needed research mileage, in the form of publications, networking and field based (practical) learnings. I was involved with five major research projects out of which one is a truly international (multi-country, multi-location and multi-core) project, by SANH – GCRF (from UK). Thanks to Prof. Mrutyunjay Suar and Prof. Tapan Adhya of KIIT Biotechnology department, who are the main collaborator with professors from Scotland and SACEP.

While my ICSSR projects helped me publish over 12 good papers (now well cited), the international SANH project gave me opportunity to learn cross-cultural and cross-border research implications. Because of this SANH project, I could visit neighbouring countries in quick succession and interact with professors and scholars of 8, 10 countries.

## My service and academic progress at KIIT University

(May 2007 – May 2024)

### My first posting for KSRM-MBA

Maybe as destined, I got an invitation to join KIIT, on May 7, 2007, when a few professors of IRMA came and started a new program in Rural Management, that year. As I had appeared one selection test at IRMA couple of years back, Prof. Haribandhu Panda (first Dean of KSRM) had known me and my interest in teaching the subject Statistics. He and the then Director, Prof. L Vaswani had recommended my name. And the Founder (then he was designated as Secretary) had okayed my selection. I had joined in the same post as in VIT University. At that time, I was not knowing much about KIIT.

Though my parent organization (BU) did not allow my leave to be extended for KIIT job, I took a bold decision of quitting the Govt job (taking VRS from BU) and joining KIIT. This was also because I wanted a posting at Bhubaneswar, for my kids' education. Though some of my close relations were not happy, but my mother was very happy. And, my joining KIIT was a turning point in my academic career and clearly was a blessing in disguise.

In the years to come, I could realize myself that this wonderful organization (KIIT) had divine blessings. Because of sheer dedication of founder (Prof. Achyuta Samanta), it grew at a very fast rate and achieved many recognitions, just within 15/17 years. As founder himself often says, 'seeing is believing'. This is very much true. Only the insiders, who have worked here (most of them are very sincere, devoted and hard working), can explain, how this organization has grown from the scratch, (literally, from '**Soil to Silver**')! I have witnessed and experienced myself! Despite acute financial crunch (during the early, formative days), founder (Dr. Samanta) would be dreaming very big (like, hosting mega events, like Indian Science Congress, or starting

more than seven/ eight departments/ schools, the same year, or by providing free education and free boarding-lodging to tens of thousands of under-privileged children, in KISS) and then he would make it happen. And he would get big success, in every event, every time.

There was a time, when they initially started, banks would shy away from giving loan to KIIT (during its formative stage). But now one finds all most all banks in its sprawling campus! One would be amazed to see its unique, unparalleled sports infrastructure and medical facilities. By God's grace, it has become a pride of India, within a very short span.

I got relieved from VIT (and from BU) and joined KSVM of KIIT, on May 7, 2007. At that time, KSVM was not having its own building. However, within one year, a new dedicated building was inaugurated. I served this school just for two years and then came to join mainstream MBA, at KSoM. KIIT has a good HR practice of enabling its employees to grow and contribute (to organizational growth and also self growth). Just after one year of my joining KSoM, I was nominated/ appointed as the PGP Chairperson of the School. And after 3 more years, I was given the responsibility of reviving (editing) the management research journal, *Parikalpana*. KIIT has always supported me in my academic endeavours and has given me financial assistance to go abroad, to present my research papers.



PC (KIIT): With first batch of MBA (RM) students of KSVM, 2009



[As PG Program Chairperson of KSoM, KIIT]

While I enjoyed my first two years of teaching at KSRM (and other assigned responsibilities, like hostel warden, student projects and field visit in-charge), my real academic growth happened during my tenure at KSoM, KIIT. And my family members got settled down, here at Bhubaneswar, getting our own house, an address at Bhubaneswar. Finally took retirement in 2024.

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## Unique Teaching Experience at School of Management, KIIT

At the School of Management, KIIT, I got the chance of teaching a very large group of MBA students (with over 350 students per batch): also got the chance of teaching to greater diverse audience/ students (as far as demography is concerned). Teaching foreign students was a pleasant, unique experience at KSoM, KIIT.

When other universities of Odisha could not handle foreign students properly, strength of foreign students grew every year at KIIT. Now hundreds of them, from over 25 countries, are studying various programs at KIIT. We at School of Management, had students from over 15 countries (as seen in following pictures).



Be it affectionate personal humane touch of founder (Prof. Achyuta Samanta, as seen from following two pictures) or be it handling large classes (of orientation program) of over 350 students, be it handling very small mentoring discussion classes of 7-8 students, the experiences of ‘teaching-learning’ at KIIT would remain as unique for me, for ever.

Details on this organisation available at: <https://kiit.ac.in/> & [ksom.ac.in](https://sites.google.com/view/rabisubudhi-research-writings/home)  
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Taking classes for large audience in audi was really interesting. Be it the foundation class, be it the induction or orientation program, when you address students of all four sections together in auditorium, the charm (and challenge) is different and unique. I must also record here about the discipline maintained by MBA students of School of Management. Similar sessions were also taken at the amphitheatre.



[Above pic: With KSoM faculty colleagues in 2014. Following two pics: L- Sports where teachers and students take active part; R- Small group tutorial.]



Participation in extra-curricular and cocurricular activities, in small groups and for very large groups (in amphitheatre), as seen below, was really quite interesting and memorable.



Managing large audience at OAT (open air theatre) for extra-curricular activities of School of Management was a very unique experience. Enjoyed interacting with the student mass, as a judge for their competitions/ activities. There was always discipline in every program, a USP of KIIT University. That was truly a good learning experience for me, and some unforgettable memories.





Felicitations by KIIT authority (with best teacher award), and also by other schools, were quite inspiring for me. I am grateful to KIIT authority, for such recognitions and also for financial support to travel abroad for research paper presentation.

I was lucky to get appreciation many a times by other schools, while taking their FDPs, as resource person (as seen from the following pictures).



FDPs and MDPs conducted every year, regularly, at different schools.

Other than my own subject statistics, I developed myself (through substantial teaching material/ notes) in the paper/ subject, Research Methodology. First, I took the paper for MBA students and then started taking for PhD scholars, where one gets many senior scholars and professionals enrolling for program. We conducted annual workshops on Research Methodology, at KSoM (picture given at the end of the book) very successfully and edited a book (on RM).



I was the PG Program Chairperson of KSoM, KIIT University.



## My failures:

As I had written earlier, as my PhD degree was delayed so much, that I missed my promotion (and that some other persons became professors not me). This created some frustration and it distracted me. I was then devoting more time for literary activities (writings in Odia). When I wanted to change to other institutes, though I had PhD degree and a short diploma from IIM Ahmedabad, I was not having sufficient (academic) research paper publications, which was essential requirement for getting into premier Institutes. Thus, though I tried at IRMA (Anand), IIM Raipur, Prestige Institute of Management (Indore), and for professor post at Baripada University and Utkal University, I was some how not successful. I was disturbed and stressed, a little bit. Then I thought of applying to private universities. I applied for the post of Professor in management at VIT University. And luckily, I got selected. There, I was doing extremely well. I was bit popular there for my teaching, and I also did some academic activities (seminar/ conferences at VIT). Then I lost my father. So, I decided to come



back to Odisha. To my good luck, I got one welcome invitation from KIIT University, which was growing very fast at that time. I joined for the school of rural management (KSRRM) of KIIT, on May 7, 2007.

**My personal losses, family tragedies**

In the year 2001, I lost my father in law, Sri Padmalochan Palatasingh. At that time, he was staying with my sister in law, at Mumbai. We could arrange to bring his dead body in a flight, with much difficulty. Cremation was held in his native village. My father who was also suffering, died on 11 12 2006, when I had just returned from VIT Vellore. He died at my Brahmapur residence. We took his body to our native village for cremation. We could do his last rights duly. But, after my father’s death, I thought of returning from Tamil Nadu to Orissa. My mother in law (Ramabati Debi), who was suffering from cancer, died in the year 2012. We all were there, when breathed her last, at her deathbed. Her cremation was held, as per her wish, at Puri swargadwara. I could attend and perform my duties on these occasions, because of my availability at Bhubaneswar. I could also provide medical care to my mother, regularly (at Bhubaneswar).



**Son and daughter’s marriage**

By God’s grace, marriage of my son (held on December 2, 2018) and then of my daughter (on May 5, 2021) could be solemnized smoothly and that, I could get two very good families as my sambandhis (samudi).



With my samuduni Nilima Pratap Deb and samudi, Sri Pankaj Pratap Deb  
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My extended family, assembled during marriage reception of my son.

During my daughter's marriage, there was COVID restriction and on very day of marriage ceremony, statewide complete lockdown was declared (during second wave). But, by God's grace, it was held decently, following all COVID protocols imposed by Government (gathering was limited to 50 only).



Negotiation ceremony, held at Hanuman Vatika Rourkela, March 7, 2021



With the members of in-law's family of my daughter (during marriage ceremony, held on 5.5.21, at Bhubaneswar). Samudi, Sri Akshay Kumar Nayak from Rourkela, and sana-samudi (and my classmate) Sri Bibhuti Bhusan Bal, and their family members.

## My foreign visits

### Bhutan visit (during June, 2012)

20.6.12.



**Bhutan** visit was my first foreign visit, with family, in 2012 (June).

[**Bhutan Trivia:** The Himalayan Kingdom country Bhutan follows Buddhism, since 7<sup>th</sup> century. From 1900 onwards, it was led by Wangchuk family. British and then independent India had signed 'no interference treaty' with this country. Bhutan became a member of the United Nations in 1971. In 1972, Jigme Singye Wangchuck ascended the throne, at the age 16. He emphasized modern education, decentralization of governance, development of tourism and improvements in rural developments. He was known internationally better for his development philosophy of "gross national happiness." He abdicated throne voluntarily in December 2006. After promulgation of the new constitution in 2008, his son became the premier. Population of this country, now (in 2021) is around 8 lakh (75% Buddhists; 22.6% Hindu)].

We left BBSR by Jan Shatabdi Exp upto Howrah; then reached Sealdah station to catch Kanchan Kanya express at 8.30 PM. Nextday (on 20.6.12), we reached Hasimara station, by 11 am. My MBA student Ravi Jain had come with a car to receive us, he then took us to Jaigaon (his hometown, bordering Bhutan and next to Phuentsholing town of Bhutan). Took lunch at Ravi's place. He had arranged Bhutanese currency and travel pass for us. Then at 3 PM, we left for Thimpu. Taxi driver was young youth, named John Lama. 7 hour journey through zigzag, mountain ghaat road, and then we reached Thimpu at 9.30 PM. We first checked into a small economy hotel, for a day.

We all got up early in the morning, (next day on 21.6.12), being curious to see the 'foreign' land, Bhutan. It was cool, pleasant (while Odisha was too hot in June). Had a brief morning walk, close to River Thimpu (Mochhu). Then driver Lama came; we first visited the 'National Memorial', then we went to Budhha point, on mountaintop (saw the huge bronze statue of Budhha). I visited Royal Institute of Management (RIM) Thimpu, alone.





Next day (22.6.12), I was very much tired, with high-altitude sickness; so we all dropped the plan of visiting Punakha zhong. So we proceeded straight to Paro (the airport city of Bhutan), and Checked into a better hotel at Paro. The stay was very comfortable. I found Paro climate better than that of Thimpu. Visited Paro museum. We all were damn tired, so thought of cancelling our next day program of Bhutan, and return to Indian plains.

We left Paro nextday (23.6.12) by 10 am, and reached Phuensholing by 3 PM (via Chuzom, Chapcha, Bunagu, Gedu, Rincheding). Took rest in Hotel Galing, in Phuensholing, which was pre-arranged by my student.

Paid Taxi driver and the tour operator, all their dues and then we left for Hashimara station, to catch train for Kolkata. We reached Sealdah on 25.6.12, and then moved to Howrah station to catch Faluknama superfast express. Our return journey to BBSR was comfortable.

Bhutan journey was quite memorable one, particularly for my family.

## **My USA visit [October, 2013]**

For my US visit, I had to get my VISA approval from Hyderabad office, during August last week. I had to visit US-VISA office (near Chiran Fort Rd, in Begumpet) for biometric & photograph, twice (in two consecutive days). In the evening, Bapi (my cousin) came and took me to Saranga–Pravati's (Hyderabad) house. There was heavy rain and power cut. Took dinner with them, then I came back to SBI guest house by 10 pm. Saranga (and Pravati) are doing very well, economically; they have their own (big) house at Hyderabad.



My tickets for US were booked in advance by our AO, Mr. Samabesh Nayak (both-ways). It was really a great help for me, indeed.

Flight for Delhi (form BBSR) was at 2pm, on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2013. That day, I asked Prof. Braja Kar to pick me up and drop at BBSR airport at 12.30. Mita had packed everything. Reached airport on time. As I had sufficient time, I wrote to all my Colleagues, disclosing for the first times about my USA visit. Facebook response was instantenuous, huge, and quite inspiring. Reached Delhi by 5 PM. I had to wait there for over 5hrs. After 10pm, baggage check-in and immigration formalities were done, without any difficulty. Then after the long wait, I entered the international flight for the first time. Indian Airlines Boing career was huge! It **left Delhi for Chicago** at 1.30 am. I was at window seat. As the side seat was vacant, I could stretch myself comfortably, and journey was comfortable. Flight staff served well, four times, offering sufficient food, each time.

Flight reached **Chicago** on time, at 7 am on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. So, finally I landed (after a journey of 18 hours) on US soil, for the fast time. There was excitement as well as apprehension, too. 'Port of arrival' (in US) checking was done there at Chicago, thoroughly. Security staff appeared to be bit more professional, at the same time, they were courteous and quite helpful, too. Chicago airport was huge. To go from one (international) terminal to another (domestic) terminal, one has to go by the metro-rail, which was available free, for the transfer of passengers. I reached the appropriate terminal quickly, to catch the American Airlines (AA) flight, at 10.30 am. I had again time to check internet and send mails to dear-ones.

American Airlines (AA) flight reached Minneapolis airport (msp) on time at 12.00 noon. After a wait of just 10 minutes, student volunteers (of conference) could locate me. They received me well and took me to **Hotel Park Plaza**, the Conference venue.

There was some initial trouble/ confusion. I was not having dollars; hotel room was not booked (as they had not received money). So, I had to call Prof. Artatrana Ratha (younger brother of my friend, Dillip) to help. Luckily, he immediately transferred the required amount (USD 305 \$) and I could I check in to my room (#621). All Student volunteers were of Indian Origin. They helped me a lot. They gave me (conference) packet lunch. I settled down in hotel room and could check net and send mails.

Welcome dinner was at 7 pm. Wine was served. I met a few delegates and both the coordinators (Prof. Ben Baliga & Prof. Hiral Shah), both were from Indian origin (US citizens). Then I ventured out of the hotel, to have a look at the scenic view of roads and buildings, of that US city.

Roads, with beautiful landscaping, were very attractive!

After a brief walk outside, I returned to hotel room and tried to sleep early, but got up quite early.

Next morning (on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.), I first verified all the facilities, provisions and fittings of my hotel room. My Charger plug (of laptop & mobile) was not fitting. I asked student-volunteers, for a small converter. I used coffee maker to boil water (for drinking purpose). Half-a-litre bottled water was costing 1.5 USD. So, I used tap water (boiled by me) and avoided incurring extra expenditure on water (in hotel room). Silu Called up. I tried my ATM cards in hotel ATM machine, and to my pleasant surprise, it worked! I got the much needed dollars! It was like oxygen for me! There after I became much relaxed (after having sufficient currency in my pocket), with sigh of relief.

I had no papers to present today. Inaugural speech and a few others' papers were presented. Then they took us for an industrial visit. Our group went to the famous **3M Innovation Centre**, for which I was eagerly waiting for. Road travel (for 240 km) and industry visit, both were quite enjoyable. Company executives explained us about the uniqueness of their (hundreds of) innovative products.



After our return, most of the delegates went to the Mall of America (Said to be the biggest mall of USA). However, I stayed back in hotel. There was an entry fee of \$30 USD for that. I checked net, wrote mails, from my hotel room.

My first research paper was scheduled for presentation, next day, on 4<sup>th</sup> October. It went on very well. I interacted with a few foreign delegates. Called Mita in the evening (which was early morning in India). Per minute call cost was 19 \$; bit costly, but it was necessary for me. I could not sleep well at night. So, I prepared for the second paper presentation.



My second paper presentation (on Media Industry of Odisha) was on next day morning (on 5<sup>th</sup> October).

Then, as per the plan, I (along with Prof. Upinder Dhar) went to St. Cloud State University (SCSU) by a car (with two student volunteers as

escorts). 120 km drive on the beautifully landscaped American roads was enjoyable. On our way, we stopped and shopped at a Mall. Then reached SCSU by 2 pm. University campus was situated on the bank of river Mississippi; Campus looked very beautiful. Their provost, Prof. D. Malhotra (Indian origin) gave us some quality time. One Prof. Latha Ramakrishnan took us around the campus. Then Arta Ratha (younger brother of Dillip) took us to his residence. He is married to an American girl, and blessed with two daughters. His bungalow type house was very attractive. They treated us very well, with high tea. I returned his \$305, which I had owed. Then we came back to our hotel, by late evening. Though the day was quite hectic, still I could not sleep again in the night. Hardly, I could manage to sleep only for 2 hours.



Spent some quality time with family of Prof. Artatrana Ratha

Return journey (on 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday). Got up early in the morning. Although, there was free breakfast in the hotel, available for us after 7 am, I was somehow feeling very anxious to return early; so left hotel by 7 am (without breakfast), for Minneapolis airport. Hotel van dropped me at MN airport. After getting the boarding pass and security check, I waited there in the lobby & checked internet, emails. Left Minneapolis airport at 9.30 am, reached Chicago by 11 am. Got my connecting flight for Delhi at 12:30 noon. There was a huge rush at airport, with all Indian passengers having heavy baggage/luggage. When we left Chicago, it was already 7<sup>th</sup> October, in India.

After a tiring nonstop air travel of 15 hours, we reached Delhi at 3.30pm, (on 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. Monday). Next flight was actually at 6.30 pm. Then, it got changed to 7 pm. When the flight was about to take off, one passenger had serious health problem; so the flight had return back (from mid runway, to the bay) to drop back that ailing passenger. So again, it was delayed by 1 more hour. Finally, it reached BBSR by 10 PM. I had asked Satya nana to come to airport, to receive me. He dropped me at Rabindra Mandap. Then I took an

auto up to our residence (Patia). Reached home at 10:40 pm; took rest, after dinner. And had much needed sound sleep.

So, the entire journey, by God’s grace, was hassle free, and truly a memorable one!



First row Pic-1 Colony/ street roads; Pic-2: House of Prof. A Ratha, St Cloud; Middle row Pic-1 & 2: With Prof. Upinder Dhar, at St Clooud; Last row, above: Pic-1: With Prof. Ben Baliga, & Pic-2: Prof. Upinder Dhar & Baliga.

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## Singapore and Australia visit (July 2015)

I had the opportunity of visiting Singapore and Australia (Adelaide), on same tour-plan, during 2015. I had heard and read much about the developing economy of Singapore.

[**Singapore Trivia:** *Singapore has, as the ‘Symbol of Singapore’, the head of a lion and the body of a fish. Rajendra Chola I (the ruler of Indian Chola kingdom), attacked this island in 1025. There was also another Chola raid in 1068. In 1824, an Anglo-Dutch treaty left Malaya and Singapore in the British sphere, and, then the whole of Singapore Island was ceded to*



*the British. In 1867, it was made a crown colony under the Colonial Office in London. Singapore remained in Japanese hands during 1942-1945. In 1965, it finally became independent.]*

Singapore visit came as a surprise bonus free-gift, on my way to Adelaide, Australia. Packed everything for my Australia visit, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2015 (Sunday). My daughter (Mama) dropped me at BBSR airport. It is first time that Mama went to a far-off place by riding scooty (with responsibility of dropping at airport). Indigo flight to Kolkata (at 7 pm) was on time. Reached Kolkata before 8 pm. Immigration and security check was done for my international flight (by Silk Air, upto Singapore). I had to wait there (at Kolkata airport) for 2 hours, then boarded Silk Air at 11 pm.

Reached Singapore next morning (on 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday), by 7 am. (2 hours added in actual spent time, with travel time). Singapore is celebrating its 50 years of independence. Provision was there for free city tour. So I availed the opportunity and travelled to city by their bus (arranged by Singapore tourism department), during 10:00 – 1:00 pm. Had a very good sight-seeing of important places of Singapore main city. Then came back again to airport. Changi airport was also giving the travelers free vouchers of 20 + 20 = 40 dollars, CDV (Changi Dollar Voucher), which is to be used only inside the airport. First 20 dollars used for my lunch. I foolishly wasted that money, as I couldn't eat even 50 % of what I had ordered. Anyway, I had a very long waiting period there inside Changi international airport (for over 10 hours). Airport is very big, with all modern facilities, so that one is never ever bored. Free net facility for 8 hours, was really a big help (to pass time). I was able to be in touch with my family.



Again at night (9 pm), boarded another Singapore Air flight for Adelaide at 7 am, morning. Drizzle, cold wind welcomed me. I purchased immediately a Metro - card by paying 25 (Australian) dollars. I boarded a bus, whose driver was a (very polite) Sikh/ Indian. He guided me, where to get down.

## **Visit to Adelaide, Australia (July 2015)**

From Singapore, I travelled to Adelaide by Silk Air and reached on Jul 7, 2015 morning, on the very day of my conference inauguration. So, from airport, I reached directly the conference (ICAS – 9) venue, (organized at ACC: Adelaide Convention Centre), by 9 am. Got fresh, changed my dress there at venue, and got the registration kit. I was bit hungry. Morning Tea (with snacks) was ready. Met a few delegates from India and abroad, there.

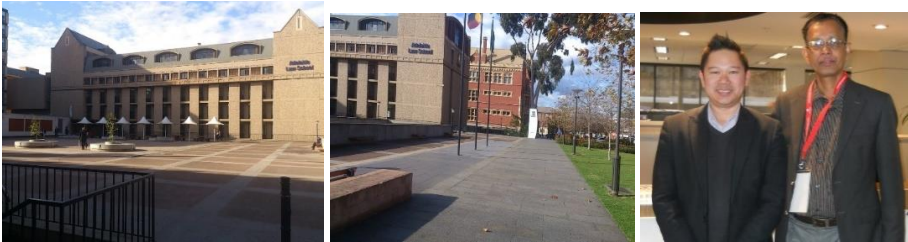
Waited there till lunch and then till afternoon tea. Then I walked around the venue ACC, which was situated on a lovely locality, in lovely green environment. A small river was dividing ACC (Adelaide Convention Centre) on one side and the Adelaide Oval (cricket stadium) on the other side. Huge park, green and clean, attractive foot over bridge to reach the other side. Visited stadium; enjoyed river cruise ship (at a fee of AUS \$10). Took a few snaps, and immediately uploaded on FB. There was free network access (thanks to high speed Wi-Fi). I was damn tired; so I returned to my hotel (Break-free Director's studio apartment, which was an un-serviced apartment accommodation) in Gorger street, close to Victoria Square (Heart of Adelaide).

Meeting with Governor, with formal invitation/ pass, was really a new kind of experience for me, that evening. Governor and his wife talked to each one of us, during high tea, hosted by them. Hotel accommodation experience was unique, as you yourself have to find (get into) the hotel room (no help), and all other facilities. Could sleep well that night, as I was damn tired, after long journey.

Next day, (on 8<sup>th</sup> July), I prepared my ppt for my presentation. Then wanted to enjoy morning-city-tour, all alone, in a tram. Went to visit Adelaide sea shore. Walked a bit, enjoyed the clean green environment of sea beach. People are very polite and cooperative. Came back to ACC; had morning tea and then had my quick lunch. Soon after lunch, I had my presentation session. In my session, 2 delegates from New Zealand and another 2 from India (including me) were there. My presentation was good (quite satisfactory). Then I moved around, and checked mails. Interacted with few delegates. I then confirmed (by mail) to Adelaide University, regarding my (pre-arranged, formal) visit for tomorrow. I came back to hotel room in evening. But could not sleep; may be due to Jet-lag effect or my anxiety/ stress. Meeting with SA (Adelaide) premier (PM) was memorable; very simple and unassuming person he was, (without any bodyguards or police).

Travelled by local tram service today (on 9<sup>th</sup> July), and I enjoyed the city ride. On my way, I enquired about the location of Adelaide University.

Then after lunch, went to Adelaide University, walking down. Ms. Irish (their P.R.O) received me from the main gate and then she escorted me to the Faculty of Business & Economics, which was located in another building. Meeting was very brief and too formal. It appeared, as if they were not impressed/interested (about my organisation’s geographical location), for any possible academic collaboration. They gave me a small token gift (university souvenir).



Inside Adelaide University Campus; Last Pic: With Associate Dean, AU.

After that, I returned to my hotel. On my way, I had a very simple dinner (at a cost of AUS \$12) in a Chinese restaurant; I had rice and chicken. Again, I could not sleep well at night. Packed carefully everything, as I have to leave Adelaide early in the morning. I could sleep only for two hours, with much difficulty.



Pic-1: Near Governor house; Pic-2 Adelaide sea beach



Pic-1: With Governor of SA, Adelaide (Aus); Pic-2: Premier (PM), Mr. Jay Weatherill, of South Australia.



Got up early next day (on 10<sup>th</sup> July), took bath, checked out from hotel. It was drizzling outside (very mildly). I walked down to bus stop (1 k.m. from my hotel), and waited first for 30 minutes, for the express bus service. But, then I decided not to waste time and better to go to airport by taxi (paying \$20), (as it was risky to wait further). Reached Adelaide airport on time. Immediately boarding-pass and security check was done, in 30 minutes. Got my Singapore flight at 9 am. Reached Singapore after 6 hrs. I had more than 6 hrs at hand, before boarding my Kolkata Flight. Passed time there in airport, using free net access (for 8 hrs). This free service was a good advantage for the travellers like me. That morning I managed with biscuits, what I had with me. Entered Kolkata bound flight at 8 pm. Then another 4-5 hrs flight travel time, until I reach Kolkata/ India.

Finally, I landed at Kolkata airport by 11 pm. The waiting place there at Kolkata airport, was bit inconvenient. I could not sleep at Kolkata airport, for the rest of the night, at all. The connecting flight for BBSR was at 5:30 am, on next day (on July-11). At 4:30 am, we got boarding pass. It was drizzling slightly. Reached BBSR by 7 am. Somehow, I managed to get an OLA cab and reached home at 8:30 am. It was raining, at Bhubaneswar, when I reached.

## My UK visit (Sept. 2016)

### UK-Visa processing work done at Kolkata (on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016)

Myself, and Mr Banshidhar Mohapatra visited UK-Visa centre at Kasaba, Rajdanga (near Acropolis mall), Kolkata. Visa processing was smooth and hassle free.

My UK (academic) visit was partly funded by (ICSSR) Govt. of India. **ISA** (International Sociology Association) **RC-33** group had approved my proposal of conducting and chairing a session (on Research Methodology) at their University of Leicester Conference. For this Mr. Banshidhar Mohapatra (retd ISS) and my scholar, Dr. Biswa Behari Das had also confirmed their participation, in same session. We had done our UK VISA processing at Kolkata office, during July 1<sup>st</sup> week (2016). It was done in one day, as we both



(Mr Banshidhar Mohapatra and me) visited UK-Visa centre at Kasaba, Rajdanga (near Acropolis mall), Kolkata.

Our flight for Delhi was at 2 pm, on 11<sup>th</sup> September (Sunday). So thought of leaving residence at 12 noon. Dash/ Chiku Babu (apartment neighbour) offered to drop me and Mahapatra babu at airport. We reached BBSR airport by 12:30, and luggage clearance and security check in another 30 minutes. Reached IGI airport Delhi before 5 pm. Mr. Bansidhar Mohapatra was really a very enthusiastic persons, my fellow passenger. We had to wait at Delhi airport for nearly 7 hrs, for the connecting flight.

After a wait of 4/5 hours, we then found some minor hick- up, in the form of luggage 'un-traceability'. After a frantic query of 20 /30 minutes, AI staff could finally locate (through internet) and made it through to LHR (Heathrow airport, London). Immigration, boarding pass, security check took 1 more hour and then we entered allocated gate, again to wait for 2 more hours. Wait was bit painful but spent time mostly in net and telephone. We were bit anxious. Remaining hours of night passed without any sleep.

Boarded airbus AI flight for London at around 2 am as flight left for destination as per schedule, at 2:30 am, on 12<sup>th</sup> Midnight. And we landed the 'dreamland' **London**, early morning (local time), by 7 am. There was a very long queue before the immigration check desk. It took almost 1 hour. Luckily, the local cab driver (Miren, a Gujarati fellow) came in time and was really quite professional. For a 2/3 hours' drive to Leicester, we had to pay 90 pounds (almost Rs. 8000). We enjoyed the scenic surroundings on our way. Reached university of Leicester (conference venue) by 1 pm. We got our respective room keys of guesthouse room; then rushed to conference registration counter. It looked organised but very very informal (unlike Indian conference), which would look all ceremonial. For lunch also they were charging fees. It looked bit odd for us (we the Indians).

Anyway, we had enough stuff, taken from India, to eat. As per arrangement, my old student (from BU Berhampur) Mr. Sandip Mohapatra came to receive us by 3:30 pm. He is now well settled there at Leicester with his family. He has a good house and a costly car. He took us first to his house for tea, and then took us in his car to nearby town, Birmingham. Visited a Hindu temple (Tirupati Balaji) and then returned back to Leicester, where he treated us in a very good Indian restaurant for dinner. We came back to our university guesthouse by 9 pm.



Biswa Bihari Das (my PhD scholar & co-author) reached conference venue next day (on 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday), by 12:30 noon. Here breakfast was very good and free (complimentary). We had heavy breakfast; so we skipped the paid-lunch. Attended a few other sessions of conference; interacted with a few delegates and with the conference coordinator; then planned for a city tour by bus. It was 6 pound-ticket for 'all day tour'; so we tried to locate first railway station of Leicester town, and then we (three of us) moved around the town by city buses. We had some wonderful experience and gained some (geographical) idea about that locality. Finally, we returned to the university hostel, by 8:30/ 9 pm. All of us were damn tired.



Again, we thought of avoiding dinner. We did not enjoy the food items. Some how we managed with our homemade Indian food. I tried to sleep; but the sleep couldn't be sound/ proper. Guest-houses were located as independent blocks, bit scattered; It had auto lock doors, everywhere. So, one can't enter other's room/ block. And, our mobiles were not working (though I had ISD pack). First 2 nights were really difficult for us to adjust. From 3<sup>rd</sup> night, we got acquainted, there in guesthouse. Some how, I managed to sleep, today.

Next day (on, 14<sup>th</sup>, Wed), our paper presentation session was in the afternoon. Had very good breakfast (complimentary), and then we attended the morning sessions. Again, we avoided lunch. I prepared for my session and coordinated with other speakers of my session [Manish Kumar from BHU, BB Das and B Mohapatra]. But, to my utter surprise/ dissatisfaction, nobody from the Conference organizing team came to us (to our allotted hall) or even asked for minimum arrangement. I really didn't like the 'informal' attitude of British people/ organisers. Anyway, I somehow managed in best possible way.

In my standard, the session was not so good or impressive, as there was no body in audience to appreciate.

That evening, there was a planned “Gala–dinner” at a different location. We walked down, guided by ourselves, and reached the venue. We couldn’t enjoy even that (paid) Gala–dinner. I didn’t like many items, they served. There was fixed and limited menu. We returned to our guest house early, somewhat bit un-satisfied.

That night, we packed our things, as we had to go Scotland very next morning, by train.

On 15<sup>th</sup> (Thursday), we, 3 of us, had good breakfast, in guesthouse. Also took extra fruits from canteen. Then checked out of guesthouse. I tried my ATM card, for some pound–currency. We had arranged a cab. The driver was again an Indian (Sardarji). He dropped us at Leicester railway station on time. Dr. BB Das had a different train for London. We left first, by 10:30 am. Train journey experience was good. For me, it was my first train journey, to have experienced in UK. We had to change a train from **Derby** for **Edinburgh**. We reached our dream destination **Scotland** (Edinburgh) by 2:30 pm. There was no mobile connection; but somehow contacted our local host, Tattwamasi Mohapatra (by using the mobile phone of a local person). Tattwamasi Babu and his family members were truly amazing people. He had brought tea and snacks, for our refreshment. He had also purchased local train tickets for us.

He waited there, outside the platform, with our luggage. Mr. Banshidhar Mohapatra and myself preferred to have a quick city tour of Edinburgh. We walked for 2 to 3 hours, visited places like Caltron Hill, Edinburg castle and a few other famous monuments. Tattvamashi Babu was waiting for us with all patience. I am so grateful to him.

Then he took us to Linlithgo (by train), where his friend (Bhola Babu) took us around the palace there. We spent over an hour there. Again, Tattwamasi Babu offered snacks. Finally, we reached his house, at **Falkirk**. It was in a newly developed area. His kids were eagerly waiting for us; his wife had cooked delicious Indian food. We had finally home – cooked Indian food of our choice. They offered us 2 big rooms in upstairs, to sleep. A luxurious bungalow type house, well furnished. There was net connectivity; so we could connect/ talk to our families in India. Took good rest, that night.

Next day (on 16<sup>th</sup> Fri), Early in the morning, we got up; and went for morning walk (after tea). It was very cold outside, below 10 degree Fahrenheit. Walked for a while and came back. Took bath, packed thing and had some breakfast. Then Tattwamasi Babu took us, in his car to the nearby town, Stirling. Visited castle and the town, then returned again to his Falkirk house. Tattwamasi Babu’s wife, Nini, took all care; she was so courteous, polite and very caring. Gave us lot of food for our return journey and also packets of chocolates.

Finally, we left Falkirk, by train, for Edinburg. After a gap of 1 hour, we got our train for **London** at 2 pm. A 5 hours journey. Then we reached London (Kings Cross railway station) by 7 pm.

Somehow, we could locate our hotel (a very small hotel, but very close to station; only 5/7 minutes walk). Though we were tired, thought of walking down the London Streets. We visited London Museums (on walk). Because of net connection, I could talk to my other student in London, Ms Payal Mago, who invited both of us to her house, next morning.



Payal Maggo (my student) had sent a cab to pick us up, in the morning (on 17<sup>th</sup> Sat). We reached her house by 8:30 / 9 am. She is married to a South Indian boy, Mr. Sukan, who was bit shy and reserved natured boy but very polite and decent. They first offered us “aloo paratha” and tea. Then first her husband (Sukan) took us around the area (Greenwich) and river Thames. As we all had **oyster card**, we were allowed to use/ travel by all public transport (bus, train, tube and rope-way, air-cab). After half an hour travel, Payal joined us with her baby (son, Ayaansh). Again, we travelled a lot. Because of their guidance and help we could cover many places (London bridge, London eye, Bigben, Parliament etc.) in optimum time duration.

We thought of returning to airport before time. So, Payal arranged lunch for all of us in a good restaurant (so that there is no waste of time for cooking at home). Sukan came with us, upto half the distance, to see us off. Then we boarded metro rail/ tube. Some fellow passengers guided us in time that we



had actually boarded a wrong train; so we changed to correct train, that took us to T4 of Heathrow airport.

Immigration, luggage clearance and security check done quickly. Bansidhar Mohapatra was trying seriously for refund of unspent amount in Oyester – card. But, we couldn't return. And finally time came to say good bye to London/ UK and board the AI airbus, which left for Delhi from Heathrow at 9:30 pm.

There was enough learning experience; and again, by God's grace the tour was very much hassle free, comfortable, too.

Return flight hospitality (on 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday) was much better (than earlier one). Food/snacks, what we got this time, was better. We landed at Delhi (IGI) airport at about 10:30 am. Cleared immigration formalities etc. quickly. Then we had a long (tiring) wait period of 7 hours, till the next flight for BBSR. Talked to family members; Bou (mother) was not well; suffering from fever.



I must record here my gratitude to the benevolent hosts, Payal Maggo, Tattwamasi Mohapatra and Sandip Mohapatra, who took care and had given some quality time, during my UK visit (to the cities of London, Leicester and Edinburgh).

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## Nepal (Kathmandu visit), February 2019

[**Nepal Trivia:** The name "Nepal" is first recorded in texts from the Vedic period, since beginning of Hinduism. Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, was born in Lumbini in southern Nepal (around 500 BC). Had many internal struggles; Constitution of Nepal, adopted in the year 2015, affirms Nepal as a secular federal parliamentary republic, divided into seven

*provinces. Present Population around 3 Crore. Pashupatinath Temple is the oldest Hindu temple in Kathmandu. Believed to be built by Licchavi King, Jayadeva-11, 2500 years back (on the bank of Bagmati river). The main temple was built in the Nepalese pagoda style of architecture.]*

My **Nepal visit** was for (and facilitated by) SANH – GCRF research project, where I am one of the 30 odd professors from 8 countries, working as PI.

Already I had got duty leave sanctioned. Made all last-minute preparation, on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. (Saturday). I have to go with Prof. Damodar Jena to airport. Prof. Suraj Tripathy and Prof. Mrutyunjay Suar (both of KSBT, KIIT) are supposed to reach airport independently, directly. Prof. Tapan Adhya (our chief coordinator) had already reached Delhi.

Evening AI flight was late by 40 min; so we boarded at 10 pm and reached Delhi airport at 12 midnight. Prof. M. Suar had booked a nearby hotel (individual rooms) near airport. We all checked in and took rest. Dr. Jena and me had a brief morning walk next morning, near hotel; purchased a muffler for me.

Next day, on 24<sup>th</sup> (Sun), we had our (complimentary) breakfast at hotel; checked out and then reached Delhi airport T3. There was a huge queue; but we had time with us, for immigration and security check formalities. Then Dr. Tapan Adhya (Prof, KIIT Biotech) joined us. We boarded AI flight for TIA Kathmandu. My first visit to Nepal. Reached Kathmandu after (journey of) 1hr 20 min. Small airport. Went through immigration again, there. Hotel (Yellow Pagoda) had made arrangements for pick up from airport. Checked into respective rooms in hotel at around 2:30 pm. It was bit cold there, around 10 degree C. Damodar Jena and me ordered some snacks, then had early dinner in hotel. I was feeling tired, as I had not good sleep last night.

Next day (on 25<sup>th</sup> Monday), after breakfast, we first assembled together in the auditorium of the hotel, for formal inauguration of SANH – Inception meeting. It is a UKRI funded GCRF project, with over 100 delegates from 8 South Asian countries and UK.

Main contributors to this 200 crore mega research project are: Mark Shutton, Roger Jeffery, Vera, Cleeve from UK, Shubash from Nepal; Tapan Adhya and Raghuram from India and A Baser from SACEP, Afghanistan.

Inauguration was graced by senior Nepal Minister, Kathmandu University VC, Prof. Subhas and Trbhuban University representative, Govt. Representatives from 8 South Asian countries. They made their formal presentations. Prof. Mark Shutton coordinated the inauguration function.

After Inauguration, we had parallel meetings, specific group wise called, RP & WP. I was with Prof. Roger Jeffery (Scotland) & Vera. It was a nice learning experience for me, for being a part of huge international research project.



With Prof. Roger Jeffry of Scotland at Kathmandu SANH conference

Evening we had one grand reception dinner at ‘Nepal Authentic International Restaurant’, with traditional dances and welcome drink.

I came early to the hotel rooms and took rest.

Next day on 26<sup>th</sup>, Prof. Damodar Jena had his Nepali guest (Dr. Jyoti Regmi Adhikary, of Kathmandu University) in the morning, who suggested us to explore local heritage places, visiting on walk to **Basantpur durbar square**. Evening we visited famous Pasupatinath temple. Daytime, we all were busy for workshop.

27<sup>th</sup> (Wed) was the last day of SANH workshop. Afternoon, we were relatively free. Dr. Jena and me decided to take a cab and visit historic **Bhaktapur Palace** (ruins). It is 25 km away from Kathmandu. It was raining initially, but stopped later. Cool breeze. Below 10 degree temperature. Place was really very interesting to visit. We returned to the hotel before evening. Total expenses incurred for this local visit (of Bhaktapur) was 2,000 NPR. We were tired. Had very simple dinner (roti, dal fry). Planned to leave hotel tomorrow before 11 am. M. Suar had already left. Tapan Adhya had to stay back, for executive board meeting.

So, me, Damodar Jena and Suraj Tripathy, are to fly back together, up to Bhubaneswar.



1. Temple in main city of Kathmandu; 2. Pasupatinath temple.



Historic Bhaktapur palace (ruins)

That very day, there was some unfortunate ‘Indo – Pak border’ related tension, because of Ballakote (surgical) air strike by Indian army. We had Pakistani delegates there with us, in that meeting. They felt bit uncomfortable, while interacting with us, that very day.

Next day (on 28<sup>th</sup>Thu), we had a good (complimentary) breakfast in hotel. Packed our belongings. Checked out of the hotel after settling our bills, by 11 am. We three of us, reached airport, by 11:31. There was huge queue for immigration. But, we had time, as the flight was at 2:30 pm. It was still cold, temperature at 11 degree. Reached Delhi safely. There was extra security because of Indo–Pak border tension. One Indian Pilot (**Abhinandan**) is captured by Pak air force. After immigration formalities, we checked out of T3 and walked down to T2 of Delhi airport. Flight was at 7 pm. Finally, we left Delhi at 7:30 and reached BBSR at 9:30 pm; and my residence at 10:30 pm.

The return journey was bit tiring, but it was surely a very satisfying and memorable visit to Nepal.

*Omm Jai Shree Pashupatinaath Ji.*

## Maldives visit (September 2019 and November 2022)

[**Maldives Trivia:** This island nation/ country is spread over a total area of 300 sq km (with 1194 islands; 24 atolls), with a total population of 4.5 lakh (which is less than any big city of India). Monetary unit is Rufiya and official language is Dhivehi; however, English is spoken by the most. Religion Islam. Maldives first settled, in 5th century BC, by Buddhist seafarers from India and Sri Lanka. Islam was adopted in 1153. Independence agreement with Britain was signed July 26, 1965. For centuries a sultanate, the islands adopted a republican form of government in 1952, but the sultanate was restored in 1954. In 1968, a republic was established, when Mr. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom became president, for six terms since 1978 (continued beyond 2003).]



Tour to Maldives, with Prof. Jena, starts from September 1, 2019, for SANH – GCRF research project meeting. We both reached BBSR airport on time together in same cab, for the morning flight (Indigo) to Mumbai. It was raining at Mumbai; but from domestic airport to International airport, our journey was hassle free (by auto). After immigration formalities, we boarded the next Indigo flight to Male (Maldives) at 2 pm. Reached Maldives at 4:30 pm. Local host from Maldives, National University (MNU) had arranged our pick – up from airport. This beautiful (Island) – country is a nature’s wonder! Airport itself is in one (separate) island, capital city (very small) Male is another island and we were given accommodation in another island (Ville – Male), in Vinora Hotel. Reached our hotel rooms by 7 pm. Hotel receptionist was a small girl, called Soma. My (local) friend Shathif (who was then a professor at MNU, Male) came to meet me.

Aminath Shazla came again to our hotel next morning (on 2.9.19) to receive and guide us, to go to MNU (in Male), by ferry. Met Mark Shutton, Sandy (Alexandre Tadhope) and other project fellows from UK and India. Reached MNU by 9:30 am. Entire day was on deliberation on sub – theme of ‘Coral – health’. Had lunch there, at MNU campus. Then we returned independently, in the evening, to our hotel, at Ville – Male. We both had our brief (evening) walk, near our hotel (located in a small island).

Second day of our SANH workshop, (on 3.9.19) was spent on small group discussions, where each group had their own presentation. We belonged to the ‘Socio – Economic’ research group and had our presentations, along with Prof. Mallika Pinnwala from Srilanka and two other ladies from Scotland.

Field study visit was arranged on next day (on 4.9.19), to a small but beautiful island, **Dhigurah** 120 km. down south in Indian Ocean. We all went by a high-speed powerboat (2+2 hours journey in deep sea). Had a chance to do snorkeling (diving in sea with mask) for the first time. Nice experience for me. Lot of corals (live and dead) and varieties of colour fishes could be seen. On our return, I saw a lot of dolphins, in the deep sea portion. Reached back our Ville – male hotel by 7 pm. I was damn tired, by the time I returned.



## Visit to Dighurah Island; Snorkelling (for first time) by me

On the last day at Maldives (5.9.19), a study visit was arranged to another island, Thodoo, famous for large scale cultivation, mostly fruits and vegetables. Full of vegetation. Equally attractive beaches, serene, almost virgin. Visited some vegetable-cultivation fields, also did snorkelling for some time. I was feeling very much tired, mostly because of hot-humid climate of that (Maldives) island.

Returned bit early from that island (by high-speed powerboat), reached by 5:30 pm. Shathif wanted to meet me. He then invited me to visit Male city. So, again we both went by ferry to Male. 8 pm to 9:30 pm, we visited many places of this small capital city, on his scooter. Had our dinner (both of us) near the ferry stop. Finally, I returned to my hotel by 10:30 pm independently and quickly started packing for our early morning departure.

I could not sleep properly, for rest of the night.



I got up very early in the morning (on 6.9.19) at 4 am, after sending all message and charging both laptop and mobile, we left hotel at 5 am. We boarded the first ferry of the morning from Ville – Male to Male. From Male ferry stop, we got our cab (arranged by host) for airport Island. Entered airport (Male) by 7 am. Boarded flight by 8:30 am. Reached Mumbai by 12 noon. Niru had invited both of us for lunch. We reached his residence by 12:40 noon; took lunch and rested for 1, 2 hours, there at his residence. Then we both left for domestic airport at 3:30 pm. Airport was very much crowded. Flight left Mumbai for BBSR, delayed by 40 minutes. We reached our BBSR home by 9:30 pm. By God's grace, the entire journey was hassle free, and memorable.

I had visited Maldives again during **November 2022**, for the same research project work/ conference. This time my wife joined me. We visited some new islands and resorts alongwith the academic conference activities.



## Colombo (Sri Lanka) visit (October 2019 & October 2023)

[**Trivia (Cylon/ Sri Lanka):** Independence was finally granted to Sri Lanka, by the British, in 1948. But the country remained a dominion of the British empire until 1972. In 1972, Sri Lanka assumed the status of a Republic. A constitution was introduced in 1978, which made the Executive President the head of state. As we all know, northern and eastern Sri Lanka were in deep turmoil and armed violence, for over a decade, when LTTE had declared 'self-rule'. Luckily, the Govt could wipe out the LTTE rebels and peace prevailed again, there after. But, now, this island country is facing some serious economic crisis, this year in 2022.]

My visit to Colombo, Sri Lanka happened during October 2019, in connection with our international research project of SANH – GCRF.

As planned me, and Damodar Jena, on 22.10.2019, reached BBSR airport by 12:30 pm. Boarded Bangalore Indigo flight along with Prof. Tapan Adhya and Suraj Tripathy reached Bangalore airport before 4pm and we all did our immigration formalities. My daughter (Mama) was waiting for us near the terminal, after security check and immigration, all by herself. She joined me, during this foreign visit (as she was free). We all then boarded our Colombo flight, 5 of us together, at 5:50 pm. Landed at Colombo at around 7:30 pm. Hotel vehicles were waiting for us. Mama went with Prof. Tapan and Prof. Damodar. Prof. Suraj and me travelled in another vehicle (arranged by the hotel). It was close to 1 hr drive from airport to hotel Taj Samudra, located in city near Gale – Beach (a central location of Colombo city).

Next day (on 23.10.19), (Me and Mama) had morning walk near Gale – beach, and took a few photos. I first had my breakfast and joined SANH team for our transit in Volvo buses (escorted by Police) to the main (Govt.) conference hall of Colombo (BMIC: Bandarnaike Memorial International Conference Hall). Workshop was inaugurated with big fan fare, with support from Sri Lankan Govt, with lot of cultural events. Then after our lunch, the main technical session started. I thought of leaving the venue early. It started

raining all of a sudden. By chance, I got an auto driver, who was very friendly, and who readily offered me to take us around Colombo City. I picked my daughter (Mama) from form hotel. Auto driver (in following picture) first took us to his residence and then took us around the Colombo city for 2-3 hours. Myself (and my daughter, both) moved together and visited world trade centre, Independence memorial, Gangaramaya (vihara) Buddha temple, and a few other landmark buildings. Auto finally dropped us near our hotel. We thanked him, a very nice gentleman, from our heart.



Day-2 of our workshop (on 24.10.19), was held at the same main auditorium. We had less role in workshop, today. Prof. Damodar Jena was suffering from Cold and Fever. We both left venue in the afternoon bit early. Dama Babu, me (and my daughter) had a brisk evening walk and we three visited paces around the hotel (Taj Samudra). Then we went to Colombo's oldest Hindu temple, built as per Tamil culture and architecture. I was feeling tired. Also suffered from cold. Mama ordered dinner for three of us through Uber-Eat App, that evening. Food was so, so; and some how we managed.

Next day's workshop (on 25.10.19) was inside the hotel Taj (in its heritage building, originally built during 1870's). Vera and Mark coordinated this 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of workshop, which was aimed at developing methodologies for data collection on 'Nitrogen use and its effects'. We also had our lunch and dinner, arranged by SANH. Mama joined me during dinner. She was enjoying her stay; and She could manage to move around, in the city of Colombo, independently.



Picture-1 Hotel, Taj Samudra; Pic-2. Taj Samudra (old) heritage building.





Artists of Sri Lanka for folk dance; Gale beach, close to hotel Taj Samudra



1. Visit to University of Keleniya; 2. Main auditorium of Colombo (BMIC)

26<sup>th</sup> October (Saturday): Today is the last day of our (SANH) workshop and also the last day of our stay in Colombo. Damodar Jena was feeling very weak (suffering from cold, cough and fever). So he could not attend today's workshop. I represented for both of us. I contributed during WP-1.3 session discussion, along with Toju & Vera. Workshop was over by 4:30/ 5 pm. We had to pack up things for our early departure tomorrow morning. I suggested my daughter Mama to stay back and leave hotel bit late, along with Prof. Tapan Adhya, tomorrow.



Workshop sub-group (WP 1.3) photo, with delegates of 7 countries.

Got up by 4 am, early morning on 27.10.19. Left hotel by 5 am, after checking – out, along with Prof. D Jena. Hotel vehicle dropped both of us at Colombo airport by 6 am. Security check & immigration was over in next 30 minutes. After 7 am, we both boarded Sri Lankan airline (an airbus) for Chennai. Me and Dama babu reached Chennai before 10 am. Then we boarded Indigo flight. I also then got affected by cold cough. Wait was bit tiring and monotonous, as both of us were suffering from cold. Finally reached BBSR airport by 4 pm and my BBSR residence by 5 pm.

Also visited Sri Lanka again during 2023. This time we stayed in Peradeniya and had extensive tour of Nuera Elliya, a lovely place in Sri Lanka.

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## **Dhaka visit (19-24, June 2022):**

*Trivia:* Bangladesh is one of the most densely populated countries in the world. It was earlier part of Bengal province (before the 1905-‘Banga-bhanga’ division), and after the partition in 1947, it became East Pakistan. In 1971, it became the independent country of Bangladesh, with its capital at Dhaka. Before the British rule, it was ruled by the Bengal Sultanate, founded by king Shamsuddin Ilyas Shah. During the Mughal rule, many civilian and military administrators entered Bengal. A lot of these officials received land grants and became domiciled. Despite the Hindu domination of the landed class, Muslims formed a crucial section and maintained possession of significant land grants until the land reforms after 1947. On 16 December 1971, Lt. Gen Niazi, CO of Pakistan Army forces located in East Pakistan, signed the Instrument of Surrender. The new country changed its name to Bangladesh on 11 January 1972 and became a parliamentary democracy under a constitution. In 1972, the Shimla Agreement was signed between India and Pakistan. The treaty ensured that Pakistan recognised the independence of Bangladesh in exchange for the return of 93,000 Pakistani PoWs. [Info taken from internet/ Wiki sources.]

**19.6.22:** Me and Damodar Jena went by IndiGo flight to Dhaka via Kolkata (with a lay/ stop over of 7 hours). Hotel van picked up from Dhaka airport. Checked into hotel Lake Castle by 6 PM. Omar & Faruq (my PhD scholars, who are from Bangladesh) came to meet us. We went around the city, and had our dinner at Star restaurant (hosted by Omar).

Visit to Dhaka, Bangladesh was again for my international research project (of SANH GCRF), for which KIIT is a major partner. I went to Dhaka with my colleagues, Prof. Damodar Jena and Prof. Tapan Adhya. Our accommodation was arranged in Hotel Lake Castle in (Gulshan

area of) Dhaka city. We stayed there for a week and had academic deliberation of research project, participated by professors of 8 countries (involved in same research project). Meetings were held for four days at hotels Pan Pacific Sonargaon and hotel Lake Castle. It was hosted/ coordinated by colleagues from BS Muzibur Rehman Agricultural University Dhaka and SACEP DG. Inauguration function was graced by a couple of ministers of Bangladesh Government.



Stay was quite memorable, also because of the company of my two research scholars (Dr. Omar Faruq and Dr.Parvez) from Bangladesh. They took us around the lovely city.Visted Parliament building, Hathi-jhil, Dhaka University, Red fort (Lal bagh) and Dhakeswari temple. One can still find Hindu temples (like Maa Dhakeswari) and Hindu rituals (mostly in Hindu resident-pockets).



At Dhakeswari temple, Dhaka.

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At Lal Bagh (red fort) old city, Dhaka



Memento given to me by Prof. Yousuf of Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Visted Malaysia** in 2024 with my friends (Pravat and Rama Dhal). The visit to Malaysia (soon after my retirement from KIIT) was purely a pleasure trip. But we could visit couple of leading universities of Malaysia.

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## COVID Chaos and Casualties during 2020, 2021

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19), found to be a highly transmittable and pathogenic viral infection, caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), emerged (reportedly) in Wuhan, China and spread around the world, like wild fire. Starting from February 2020, COVID spread all across the globe, touching every nook and corner of every country. It continued to inflict high casualties till January 2022. The unprecedented COVID pandemic has created a havoc, has put many people to the test, left many people jobless, and many families lost their wage-earners. Coronavirus has waged war against not only people's lives and wellbeing, but it has also shattered many economies. Most of the families were affected.

We can recount briefly the severity, from the following statistics on COVID casualties.

### Covid casualties, world-over:

(Data updated until 15.2.2022)

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|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| World figures  | Total Cases = 44.5 Cr  | Total Deaths = 60 L |
| <b>Country</b> | <b>Total +ve Cases</b> | <b>Total Deaths</b> |
| United States  | 7.91Cr                 | 9.57L               |
| India          | 4.3Cr                  | 5.35L               |
| Brazil         | 2.9Cr                  | 6.52L               |
| France         | 2.23Cr                 | 1.36L               |
| United Kingdom | 1.92Cr                 | 1.62L               |

[As on 15.2.2022, from internet sources and WHO]

All countries in world, including India, were in utmost chaotic conditions, not knowing fully what to do, and how to check the spread of Virus. Many lost their close relatives. Governments restricted entry to the houses of affected families (by pasting notices, as shown below). Such was the uncertainty, nobody was sure of their family's safety and wellbeing. (I lost many friends, like Tapan, in 2<sup>nd</sup> picture; my mother was stranded at Indore for 5 long months, with my younger brother; my would-be sambandhis were stranded for 9 months at Pune, and thus marriage function got delayed). All were in a fix and scared, while choosing between life and livelihood, for self and the respective families!



## Experience of Work from home, Life in virtual world: Online Education and research during 2020 & 2021

All major colleges asked their students to attend classes from home, during COVID-19 pandemic, which was unprecedented.

While every family, every person had enormous difficulties during COVID pandemic, but we moved on, and we managed to do the routine things (like teaching, examination, research, shopping etc.) differently, online, for the first time. We called it ‘new-normal’ way of functioning. Thanking God for our very ‘survival’, I recollect some high points and achievements during this long spell of pandemic ‘restricted life’, during the two years, 2020 & 2021!

Year 2020 started with the release of the much-awaited edited book on ‘Research Methodology’ (by Emerald publishers), with a formal University level function at KIIT, chaired by Registrar and Director. Also, for the first time in my entire career, I completed two major research project (totalling worth 20 lakh INR), during 20-21, funded by ICSSR, Govt. of India.

I conducted a impactful webinar/ online-conference, with around 300 participants, on ‘Life on virtual world’, successfully. Could publish all selected papers of webinar in an international journal as a special issue, getting chance as ‘Guest Editor’ of the issue. School asked me to organize one more international conference, (IMC-2021), and luckily, Springer confirmed to publish the selected papers. This is my 2<sup>nd</sup> time association with Springer, for publication of edited books.

I got a chance to speak at Data Science Conclave (conducted by CSE Dept. of KIIT) as an invited speaker and thereby a chance to publish article in Springer book series. The years 2022 and 2023 turned out to be the most successful/ eventful years for me with a total of 15 papers getting published. (Google-Scholar) Citations improved significantly, during this period! Surprise-success came from a new front like YouTube channel, where I could upload my video lectures. Total views crossed one lakh (1,00,000) with over 1350 subscribers and over 6000 hours of total viewing! A new experience, it was, for me.

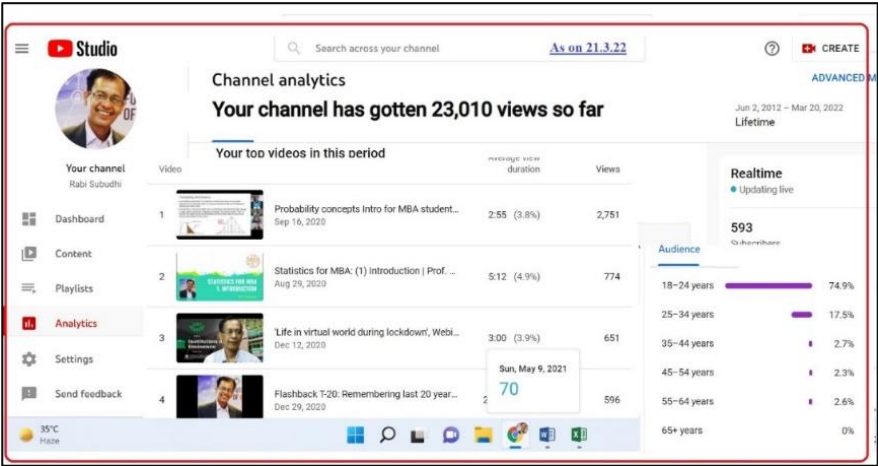
YouTube subscribers now over 1350, with a total view of over 1,00,000 (by end of 2024).

Again on research citation front, research visibility was notably significant this COVID period, for me, with SSRN ranking improved (to be with top-10,000 authors of the world). Similar improvement also happened in my academic records in Research Gate. Score in ResearchGate stands at 20.32 now.

Last but not the least, only by God’s grace, my participation continues in the international mega-project of UKRI-GCRF, where we are conducting a multi-country research (on nitrogen use efficiency study), at South-Asian countries.



Pic-1: Screen shot of online MBA class; Pic-2: Mega webinar brochure



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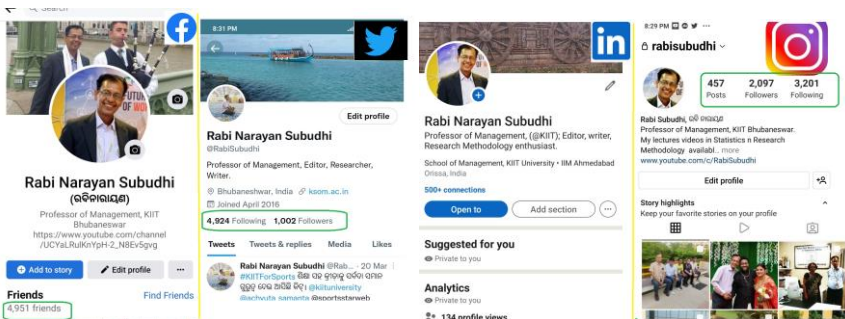
My Youtube channel latest statistics/ analytics.

# Life in the virtual world

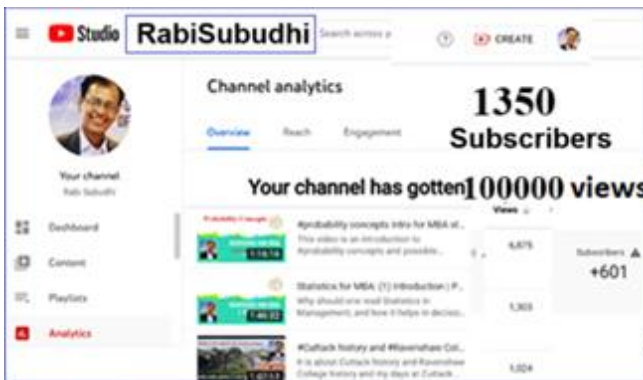
Initially we all had apprehension, if online teaching would really be effective. If technology (zoom and Google meet) would be equally supportive and effective, and if weak mobile network would create problems. But gradually, as all stake holders realized the necessity (and that there is no alternative in this grave situation), we all adjusted to the 'new-normal' method of online teaching. We all tried to make it effective. I think I was successful.

We could also found many plus points of online teaching and examination. Our University took many proactive steps, and provided soft copies of all books and other reading material; made innovative system and processes for conducting online examinations. There were hiccups, like bad network issues at remote locations, but we managed to supplement with lecture videos, uploaded timely on YouTube, for later reading.

Along with virtual classes, people spent (significantly) much more time in social media. My activities in social media also went up. As seen from the following profile pages, not only in common social media (like, twitter, Instagram, linkedin or facebook), but also in academic cites, visits/ footprints/ activities were more.

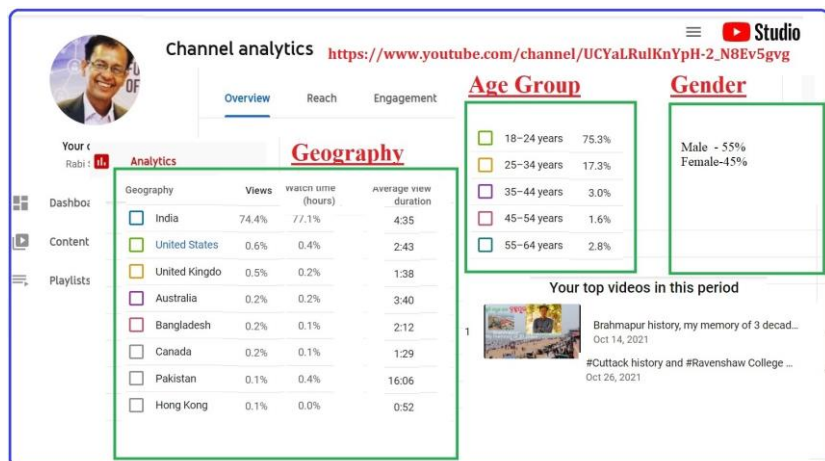


**Profile pages of facebook, twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram**

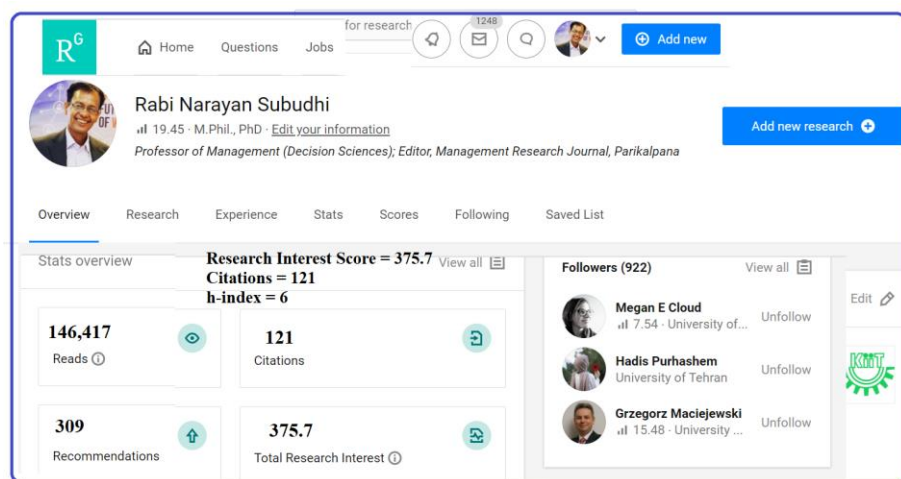


**Profile page of my my YouTube channel, with over 1350 subscribers**





It was an interesting note (and inspiring for me) that over 25% of my viewers are from abroad, and that (it is not limited to my students, rather) the percentage of people aged above 34 years was over 20 percent.



## My ResearchGate Profile page

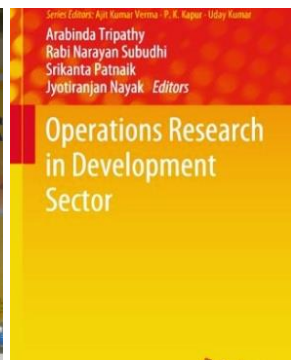
In ResearchGate, SSRN and PUBLONS websites, there was significant improvements in ranking/ citation scores, during last two years.

## Contribution to Society and my Social-life

### Operational Research Society of India (ORSI)

I have tried to contribute sincerely to academic societies, socio-cultural society and also to my almmaters, (in the form of academic, intellectual and financial contribution) in whatever possible, that I could do myself. After coming to Bhubaneswar, I was inspired and supported by my PhD guide, Prof. Arabinda Tripathy, to start/ revive ORSI in Odisha by opening the first (and the only) chapter at Bhubaneswar. We did lot of academic activities, collaborating with local academic institutions and made it the best chapter of India. For this, my organization KIIT had helped significantly. I was the first President of this ORSI Bhubaneswar chapter. Vice Chancellor of KIIT, Prof. Sasmita Samanta, became the new President of ORSI Bhubaneswar chapter in 2023.

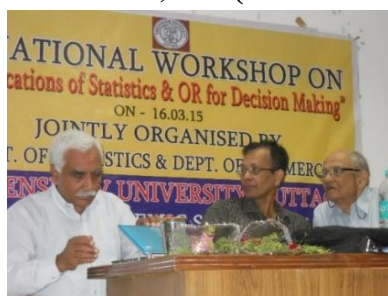
We had organized, during my tenure of first four years, four major conferences/ seminars (at different places), and had published one edited book (titled, 'OR in Development Sector', by Springer).



ORSI Conference held at KIIT Bhubaneswar, on 26.2.2017



ORSI Conference (Annual convention) held at ITER, SoA (December 2015)



ORSI Conference held at Ravenshaw University



ORSI Conference held at Utkal University. VC, Prof. Ashok Dash presiding.





## IIMA Alumni Bhubaneswar Chapter

We initiated, for first time, having a chapter of all local alumni of IIM Ahmedabad, at Bhubaneswar (the only one for Odisha), with over 20 members. I had initially the role of coordinator, liaising with IIM A and with editor of alumni journal, *Alumnus*. Though activities are limited, we keep on meeting members at Bhubaneswar.



## Utkal University Statistics Students Association (USSA)

Thanks to the strong, inspiring coordination by Mr. Lokanath Sarangi (a senior alumni), we could successfully register this association and institute several (students merit) scholarships and conduct Statistics Olympiads, under the banner of USSA. As I am at Bhubaneswar now, I participated (and contributed) to this society. I was its Vice President, for two years.



## High School Old Students Society & Mo-School Abhijan

For my High School, where I had spent the maximum time as a student (in single institute), I am in regular touch and try to contribute in every possible way. I was a student of Janata High School Kuhudi (in Khurdha district of Odisha), during my class 6-11, for six continuous years. During my student days, my science teacher (Sri Bidhu Bhushan Patnaik) had nominated me to participate in science debate at Bhubaneswar. I was adjudged second in that debate completion (that was perhaps my first visit to the state capital, and I was really very much nervous, then). Second time, my class teacher (Sri Ashok Kumar Jena) had arranged for us a study visit program to



Bhubaneswar, when we could attend a live assembly session. That was a unique experience.

I thought of giving back to same school. I had arranged myself a study visit program of JHS Kuhudi students (by arranging a bus) to Bhubaneswar (in 2017), and also made it a point to get (retired teacher) Sri Ashok Jena sir as special invitee and felicitate him at KIIT, by our founder, Prof. Achyuta Samanta. Founder hosted all the students and gifted books to each student, that day. Village high school students had the unique experience of sitting (and enjoying) state-of-the-art auditorium and other facilities of KIIT. They visited other places also.



I have been attending their annual functions (whenever I get chance). Recently, under the smart school scheme (Mo School Abhijaan) scheme of Govt. of Odisha, we first mobilised fund collection, for renovation of High School. We had raised over 7 lakh rupees and govt gave double the amount (as per their scheme), Rs.14 lakh, plus another 30 lakh under smart school project. Now the renovation of old building and other facilities are going on under our direct supervision. I am now the Vice President of that society/committee, taking active role in its development.



JHS Kuhudi (as on 30.3.22)



## Odia writings in newspaper, magazine publication

As already mentioned in other sections (and exhibits given at the end as appendix), I had the opportunity of publishing a good fortnightly Odia Magazine for children (thanks to the unconditional support of Late Sri Kali Charan Panda) and conducting annual competitions for Odia medium High School Students, of the state. I had also some contribution, working for the revival of Book fair (Pustak Mela) of Brhmapur, with support and patronage of the then RDC, Sr Jagadananda Panda and of two newspapers (Anupam Bharat and Dainik Ashaa). Further details given in other sections of this Book, on this topic.

## Our apartment owners/ residents' Society

Kanan Tower Apartment Owners Welfare Society (at Patia, Bhubaneswar), where I got one unit and became a permanent resident of Bhubaneswar (from 2010 onwards), is a self-managed sweet, peaceful society. As President of this society (for four years), I had worked and given some quality time for its development. We could formalize many things in our society. I took initiative to print its Annual reports and Byelaw booklet.

This society is like my extended family, now. I remember, how the fellow owners helped me, arranging everything during my son's marriage.

Now, Sri Prasant Kumar Rath is the President of KTA society.





With fellow owner-residents of Kanan Tower Apartment, Patia, BBSR



## Important dates and events of my service career

| Dates             | Event description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Aug1986 - Sept 87 | My first job with NSSO, under Min of Stat. Planning & Implementation: Joined under Mr Panchanan Dash (ISS), BBSR RAD, and then got my first formal posting at Berhampur office Kamapalli. My friend Bhagirathi Panda was already serving there. So it was a great help for me. Also stayed with him (as bachelors) at Gajapati Nagar (BAM) house. Later I purchased this small house from original owner, Mr. Kedar Nath Apta, during 1990. |
| 19.09.1987        | Joined Berhampur University MBA prog./ Dept. as a Lecturer; Prof. Ghana Shyam Panda was HoD, then.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 24.1.1988         | My marriage; It was held inside the Govt. Girls' High School Campus, Khurdha. It was held during daytime. My father in law (Sri Padmalochan Paltasingh) and mother in law (Smt Ramabati Debi) were respected (award winner) teachers of Khurdha.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1988, Oct 24-28   | Attended (one residential) Orientation Programme on Coop. Mgmt, at NCCT, NCUI, New Delhi.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1989 May-Aug      | 12 weeks Comp training (funded by DoE, Govt. of India), at TTTI Chandigarh (Prof. Radhakrishnan was program coordinator, humble, affectionate, impressive personality).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |



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| 11.8.1989       | <p>Silu's birth at Khurdha Girls High School Campus; early hours/ morning. At that time I was attending the computer training at Chandigarh, but could come timely.</p>                                                                |
| 1990 May - June | Computer Training (MCATTP) at IIT Kharagpur. Met Prof. Gokulananda Patel (who later became Registrar of BIMTECH Delhi), Prof. Sanghamitra Mohanty (from Utkal, who later became VC of Baripada University), and a few other teachers, as co-trainees. Training was sponsored by Govt of India (Ministry of Electronics) |
| 1990 Dec.3-6    | Attended conference at IIT Bombay, presented a paper. Prof MN Gopalan was Convener.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 9.5.1991        | Applied for PhD Registration at Utkal University under Prof. J Sarangi and Prof. A Tripathy                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 26.8.1991       | My PhD Regn application approved, at Utkal University.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Jan 11,12-1992  | Attended a National Workshop at Utkal University on Sick SSI (organized by Prof BK Mangaraj)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Feb 5-29, 1992  | Attended Orientation prog at JNU (Academic Staff College) New Delhi. Also attended workshop at IIT Chennai                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12.07.1993      | Our daughter, Sruti (Chinmayi/ Mama) was born at BAM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1993 Dec 6-8    | ORSI annual convention at Utkal University. Convener: Prof. BK Mangaraj (& Prof. A Tripathy)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1994 June 3-30  | Orientation Prog at Pondicherry University ASC (for four weeks), attended with Mr. Arun Panda (of BU). Had a good stay at PU Pondicherry and visited important places of Pondicherry (including Sri Aurobindo ashram).                                                                                                  |
| 6-11.11.95      | Attended one-week long FDP at ICFAI Hyderabad.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1995 Nov 28     | Attended Int. Conference (on Input-Output Techs) at NIEPA, New Delhi. Presented a research paper.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1996 Feb.23     | I submitted my PhD thesis (in Management) at Utkal University. Award got delayed by 4 years, unfortunately.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 11.3.1997       | My first radio talk (AIR, Berhampur), station director, Hrushikesh Panigrahi, Santanu Rath                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



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| 15.3.1997             | National Seminar on 50-years of Indo-Canadian relationship, at BU (by Prof Pramod Sahu)                                                                                                                                                 |
| 17,18.3.1997          | Visit to Koraput, Sunabeda, Damanjodi with Anupam Bharat team Kali Panda, Sarat Mishra                                                                                                                                                  |
| 27.3.1997             | Farewell meeting for Prof. Sanjay Patro, who is joining XLRI Jamshedpur (as Asst Prof.).                                                                                                                                                |
| 20.5.1997             | Niru weds Sami; Jhia weds Rabi. Both marriages held together same day, at our village.                                                                                                                                                  |
| 8.7.1997              | Went to SKCG college Paralakhemundi as external examiner, for Statistics practical.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 14.8.1997             | First time used email, on payment basis at BU epnet, thru electronics dept; We paid a users' fee of Rs.500.                                                                                                                             |
| 3.9.1997              | Went to Khalikote college BAM as external examiner, for Stat practical. Got Rs.140 as my remuneration.                                                                                                                                  |
| 30.9.1997             | Prof. Ghanashyam Panda retired; Prof. PK Padhy took over as new HoD, MBA, BU.                                                                                                                                                           |
| 30.11.1997            | Attended seminar of IES (Institute of Eco Studies, BAM by Prof Raghunath Padhisharma. I presented a paper there.                                                                                                                        |
| 20.4.1998             | Mita received scholarship for her research project; I'm her co-guide along with Prof. Malay Ku. Misra (Botany Dept.)                                                                                                                    |
| Dec 2-6, 1998         | Attended workshop on HR-OS, at IIT Kanpur (by Prof. Rahul Varman) with BU colleagues, Arun Panda, Chandra S Mishra, Subas Parida. It was my first visit to IIT Kanpur.                                                                  |
| 1999, Jan-26          | I was invited as a speaker, along with Prof Harihar Das (Pol Sc) by a computer center, Software Garden at Komapalli square. A public speech, first of its kind for me, with a stalwart.                                                 |
| 1999, Feb 4,5         | CIFA, Bhubaneswar workshop by Dr AK Roy, as a resource person, on Statistics. Stayed there at CIFA. Article published in their workshop proceedings.                                                                                    |
| Feb 19- March 2, 1999 | Industrial tour with MBA students of BU, to Mumbai, Pune & Hyderabad, with Prof. CS Misra and Prof PK Padhy. A highly successful n informative tour. Visited Reliance (Mumbai), ad finally Bajaj Industries at Pune. A successful tour. |
| 1999, March 8,10      | Delivered a talk as Resource person for Math Refresher course, BU Math Dept.Invited by Prof. AK Mishra (HoD)                                                                                                                            |
| 2000, Oct. 30         | PhD viva finally held, after a gap/ delay of 4 years. Prof. V Sekhar (Osmania Univ) came as expert.                                                                                                                                     |
| 2001 Feb. 22-23       | Berhampur Book fair: Member, organizing committee, alongwith Kali Ch. Panda (Anupam Bharat), Pramod Panda (Dainik Asha), Raghunandan, Nikhilananda and RDC (Mr. Jagadanand Panda, IAS).                                                 |
| 2001: Sept 5- 25      | Attended refresher course at Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswavidyalay Tirupati with Prof.Pratap Mohanty (Marine                                                                                                                               |

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|                                    | Sc) and Susant Ku Das (Comp. Sc) of BU. It was necessary for our promotion. Visited Tirupati Balaji temple.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 01.11.01 to 28.02.02: for 4 months | Attended FDPM at IIM Ahmedabad, a 'dream-come-true' event for me. Course fee was Rs.25,000 then (now it is close to 2 lakh). But I got back scholarship of 15,000 from IIM. Others who attended are Parimal Vyas, Vedanta Pndya, Nirali Shah (from Gujurat); Shatif (Maldives), Abu Saleh n Millan (Bangladesh), Jaymah (Sri Lanka), Jajna Prasad Subedi (Nepal) etc. Thus I became an IIM A alumni.                                                |
| <b>2003-04-05</b>                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5.11.03                            | Promoted as Reader (BU), after much delay, as cleared finally by Governor of Odisha (as Chancellor of BU)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Jan 5-24, 2004                     | Attended my last refresher course (in Management) at BU; Dr. Debi Prasad Mishra coordinated program as Head.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10-12.2. 04                        | Attended CIFA, BBSR workshop (by Dr AK Roy), as RP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Feb. 27,28, 04                     | Attended FDPM-Silver jubilee reunion at IIM Ahmedabad with Prof. Umesh Patnaik, PK Padhy, AK Panda, also joined by Prof. Parimal Vyas, Prof. Ranjan Bal & a few others.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 03.03.04                           | My first PhD scholar Anil Sarin's final viva. Prof. Sekhar from Hyderabad came as expert. Dr Ashok Mohanty had arranged (as he knew him earlier)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 31/5 & 01/06                       | Int. conf. on Comp software engg at BU coordinated by Prof. Manas R Patra, with Professors from Macau.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 04.04.04                           | ISTE sponsored seminar & student convention (Sankalp) at NIST, BAM joined as invited guest speaker.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 14.10.04                           | Mita's PhD thesis finally submitted (under supervision of Prof. Malay Mishra), at BU. We submitted a copy to Govt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2005, Dec 19-21                    | Attended Int. Conf. on OR (ORSI), organized by my guide Prof. Arbinda Tripathy at Jamshedpur. He gave me lot of responsibility (receiving foreign delegates from Kolkata airport and escorting them up to Jamshedpur), which I enjoyed. Prof. Umesh Patnaik had gone with me. We stayed in XLRI guesthouse n visited Sanjay-Sasmita Patra's house, there. Met many professors of repute (like, Prof. Jonathan, Professor of London School of Eco.). |
| 10.3.2006                          | IACR Engg. College (at Raygada) Seminar; attended as a Resource Person. Visited local famous temple.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 19.3.06                            | Attended selection interview at VIT for Professor in Mgmt. Did well in interview. VIT campus was impressive.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 20.4.06                            | Got appointment letter from VIT (from Chancellor Mr Viswanathan), as Professor of Management.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| May-2006                           | Tried sincerely and succeeded in getting leon for my VIT job. BU VC Prof. JK Baral helped me getting it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| 29.5.06             | My last working day at BU; also left BAM early by train, for Vellore/ Katpadi station same day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 30.5.06             | Joined formally VIT-Business School as Professor, also got Hostel room accommodation, inside VIT campus.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 01-27.5.06          | Tried to adjust in new environment at VIT; Dean/ director was Prof Anand Samuel. Got new friends/ colleagues like, Sankaran, Kameswar Rao, Selvam, Vasumathi, Subhasini.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11-15.08.06         | Came to BAM from VIT for short family visit. Mita n Mama received me from BAM station. They all were missing me, because of my posting at VIT. Modest celebration of Silu's birthday. Dinner at Hotel Moti, with Bansidhar Tripathy Mause & mause. Also visited village to meet parents. Father is bit unwell these days. Silu is also unwell, consulted doctor.                                                                                        |
| 28.9.06 to 07.10.06 | Mita came to VIT Vellore with Silu & Mama by train. My VIT Colleagues arranged a house for a week for all of us. Stay, though short, was quite comfortable n memorable. Took them around Vellore city, bought a gold-chain for Mita; Then for 2 days went to Chennai & Pondicherry. Mithu had joined us from Chennai (to Pondicherry). Had to return to BAM on 7.10.06 evening, as father's health worsened. We all reached our BAM residence next day. |
| 8-15.10.06          | At BAM. Brought parents from village to BAM. Father is suffering now. Made all arrangements for his care. Had to leave for VIT on 15 <sup>th</sup> . Again came during Diwali (Oct.21-24). Father is now using cathode for urination. I arranged all for his treatment and medical care, at residence.                                                                                                                                                  |
| 11.11.06            | VIT Convocation was held in a very disciplined way. I was quite impressed over arrangements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 28.11.06            | Father is not well; Mita is managing alone everything. Came to BAM, as I was invited for one NIST seminar.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11.12.06            | Father passed away at our BAM Saradhabali Residence. Luckily, I was present then at BAM. Amin mamu was also there. Took dead body to village; informed Niru & Jhia. Cremation was done at village by evening. Father was suffering a lot. Took leave for 15 days, from VIT. Also explored alternative jobs for me in Odisha, particularly for education of Silu n Mama.                                                                                 |
| 23.01.07            | Came to BAM Odisha; Attended CIFA workshop (at BBSR) as a resource person. Stayed with family, at BAM.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Feb.3,4-2007        | VIT conclave of senior staff & top management held at Mahabalipuram Resort. Enjoyed the conclave, and stay.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 19.02.07            | I conducted a good workshop at VIT, on Mktg Intelligence. Sanjay Patro, AK Roy, Rajendra Nargundkar and 3 more IIT professors came. Students helped me a lot. Successful.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| March-2007 | As per plan n family wish, wanted to join KIIT BBSR; Got invitation from KSRM, to join as Professor, with pay protection. Prof. L. Vaswani, Haribandhu Panda, Marothia, Smita from IRMA had come to KIIT to start this new school. Founder, Sri Achyuta Samanta confirmed my appointment (signed by him, as ‘Secretary, KIIT’). |
| 10.4.07    | Took 2 months’ time, to get relieved from VIT. Got Mama admitted in VEM School BBSR, in Class-8.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 05.05.07   | Finally took a bold step of leaving VIT, though mgmt was very happy. Got relieved today from VIT University.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 07.05.07   | Joined KSRM, KIIT as professor. Bou was most happy by getting me back again in Odisha.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 15.5.07    | Shifted all our belongings (from our Brahmapur house) to KIIT House, at Adarsh Vihar BBSR; Niru came from village to help us settling down. Dilia (from Tarapi) also came to help us, for this shifting.                                                                                                                        |
| 29.7.07    | Silu's NIT hostel admission done. We (Mita n me) had gone to NIT. His NIT-Rourkela counselling (and admission) was held on 7.7.07; Silu's class started from 07.08.07. He stayed away from us, for the first time. Mita was initially inconsolable, cried after leaving Silu in hostel.                                         |
| 7.10.07    | Had to join back again at BU, as leon was not extended. Decided to take VRS. So, I joined KIIT and gave 3 months notice to BU (my employer) for clearance. Mita was not happy on my decision (of leaving secured Govt job).                                                                                                     |
| 22.12.07   | Visit to Sudhir's native village, Karilopatna (for first time), on bike, with Badal nana. His village was close to 3 rivers: Karandia, Luna & Chitrotpala. କରଣ୍ଡିଆ, ଲୁଣା, ଚିତ୍ରୋତ୍ପଳା                                                                                                                                           |
| 31.01.08   | Finally got relieved (VRS) from BU/ Govt. job with all financial benefits (pension etc.).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 01..2.08   | Re-joined KSRM, KIIT (with service continuity, from prior joining date). Director Prof. Vaswani helped.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 07.02.08   | Visit to Patna and villages of nearby villages, as part of KSRM students' field visit. Met Dillip Mandhata (my Stat PG friend), after a long gap of 20 years, in Patna. He invited me to his house, dinner.                                                                                                                     |
| 15.2.08    | Field visit to BAM/ Chhatrapur for KSRM students' supervision (by office car); also had a chance to visit my Saradhabali house (BAM), to bring some household articles to Bhubaneswar.                                                                                                                                          |
| 19.2.08    | Field visit to Gorakhpur, via Delhi (by flight). Visited a village near Nepal border Campierganj. Return by train up to Lucknow, where I met my VIT student Pratik Krishna and his family. Then Lucknow to BBSR by flight, via Delhi                                                                                            |



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| 24.03.08        | RP/ speaker for CIFA workshop organized by Dr. AK Roy (Biostatistics). He has been inviting me continuously for last <b>9</b> years. A good academic friend of mine, a nice gentleman.  |
| 12.4.08         | Decided to sale BAM (saradhabali) house. Advance taken from Mr Durga Ch Mohapatra.                                                                                                      |
| 25.5.08         | Land near Pitapally/ Kumarbasta (Khurdha) available for purchase. Owner, Mr Bijay Ku Baliarsing is a friend of my Tangi-uncle (Akshaya Pradhan). Paid him advance for 1.5 acre of land. |
| 05.06.08        | Attended workshop on rural Marketing, by MART (by one Mr. Pradip Kashyap) @New Marion                                                                                                   |
| 24.07.08        | Dilip Ratha, world bank Economist, came to KIIT, KSoM, on my invitation as speaker.                                                                                                     |
| 25.7.08         | Registration of Kumarabasta land (1.5 acre) done at Khurdha Sub-registrar office. All amount now paid for that land to owner.                                                           |
| 05.11.08        | Took all MRM 2nd year students in bus to Balijatra-mela Cuttack. New experience for me.                                                                                                 |
| 12.12.08        | Visit to Ahmedabad by flight on KIITEE admission duty (in DAV school, there). Conducted entrance exam of KIITEE smoothly.                                                               |
| Dec 19-20, 08   | Presented my paper (On quality education) at ISTE National Conference, hosted by KIIT.                                                                                                  |
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| 24.1.09         | Attended Odisha Com. Association (OCA) conference at Angul. Went by a car, along with Umesh Patnaik, Ranjan Bal, Surya Panda and chief guest from Kolkata.                              |
| 18.3.09         | Final sale-deed/ registration of Saradhabali (BAM) house, in favour of buyer, Mr. Durga Ch. Mohapatra.                                                                                  |
| 19.3.09         | Joined as guest speaker (RP) at CIFA workshop on Bioinformatics & Biostatistics. Invited by Dr AK Roy.                                                                                  |
| 22.3.09         | Attended National Seminar on 'Entrepreneurship Development' at BU, organized by Prof. SN Pathy (HoD).                                                                                   |
| 02.04.09        | We moved to the new campus of KSRM of KIIT. Classes are now held in new campus.                                                                                                         |
| 14.05.09        | My car accident, near CRP square, while returning from village with family. I was driving. Front glass and bonnet got smashed. We were, luckily, unhurt. Next day, I have to go to BAM. |
| 16,17.5.09      | Went to BAM for KIITEE exam at DAV school center. (Silu was with me.) Total 700 candidates appeared.                                                                                    |
| 08.06.09        | Joined School of Management (KSoM) from KSRM. Prof. Vaswani is now the director for both the schools.                                                                                   |

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| 05.07.09   | JHS Kuhuri Old boys' association function. Attended as a guest speaker, with many other seniors.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 15/16.9.09 | Booked flat at Kanan Tower Apartment, in Patia area, with initial payment to builder (RSM infra). MD was Tarak Misra                                                                                                                                                   |
| 25.9.09    | Home loan from Axix Bank got sanctioned (BM was Satpathy babu). Paid 16 Lakh to builders (Tarak Mishra & Bhagi's brother-in-law, Satpathy) as 2 instalments for flat.                                                                                                  |
| 10.10.09   | Attended Seminar at CV Raman Engg college as Session Chair (Dr. Biranchi Panda had invited me as guest).                                                                                                                                                               |
| 13.10.09   | Visit to IMIS BBSR to deliver a guest lecture on optimization. Manidutta Ray had invited me, as speaker.                                                                                                                                                               |
| 14.11.09   | Anindita (Geli)'s wedding at NICCO park, BBSR. Attended with my family. Met all relations from Khurda.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 16.11.09   | Eminent writer Gurucharan Das visited KIIT n spoke on his book, 'Difficulty of being Good'.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 28.11.09   | Pupu's marriage at Chandan lodge, Baramunda, BBSR.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 09.12.09   | Visited PJ College of Mgmt (owned by Ratnakar's friend) as Resource Person for their FDP.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 27.12.09   | PM, Mr. Manmohan Singh visited KIIT/ KISS as Indian Eco Association conference president. It was a success.                                                                                                                                                            |
| 04.01.10   | Int. Conf. on Stat & Prob at Vizag (Andhra University). I met many dignitaries, academicians and Prof CR Rao. KIIT had sponsored my visit to Vizag, to attend the conference. Stayed at Hotel Daspulla.                                                                |
| 10.01.10   | National Youth festival organized by State Govt with much fanfare, at Kalinga stadium. I attended with family (Mita and Mama). Singer Babul Supriyo and other artists had came.<br> |
| 22.01.10   | GIET-GIMS Gunpur conf organised by my friends Debuli Panigrahi and Nityananda Jati. Umesh Patnaik had gone with madam, so Mita also had joined me. Our stay in their beautiful campus was comfortable.                                                                 |
| 14.02.10   | Attended Governor's Programe in KIIT in Morning. In the evening, went to Ramachandi (Wedding of Pramod nana's                                                                                                                                                          |

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|          | Son- Sindhu) by DMU. Met all Khurda-relations there (Kanana Apa-Prafulla bhai, Nana-Nuabou and others). As it was late, went to Malipada with Benu-kaka and took rest.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 21.02.10 | <p>A small college of BAM (Disha college of Mgmt owned by Dinesh/ Mitu Misra of Gajapati Nagar, BAM) invited me as chief speaker, with local MLAs Pradip Panigrahy (education minister) &amp; Ramesh Ch. Chyaupatnaik as other guests. Returned to BBSR in MLA (Chyaupatnaik)'s car.</p>  |
| 05.03.10 | Finally moved to my KSoM campus chamber (from KSRM), in campus-7, KIIT.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 08.04.10 | Attended 2-day workshop on SPSS at ICFAI B-School Kolkata, with Bijaya Bandopadhyay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 03.05.10 | Bou left for Tarapi. Silu and myself reached BBSR station before 12 noon. Our Aligarh train (Neelachal Express) was on time. We got seat in 2nd AC. Two Italians were our fellow passengers. Journey was comfortable.                                                                                                                                                      |
| 04.05.10 | Reached Aligarh by 3:30pm. Prof. Badar had made all arrangements for us. His colleague Prof. Irfan received us from station and put in Guest House.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 05.05.10 | Visited Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) as examiner for B Com. Exam.; Prof Badar Alam Iqbal had invited me.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 06.05.10 | Again Prof. Irfan came to drop us at Aligarh station. Train was on time (8:10am). Journey was comfortable. Met fellow passenger, Dr Prasanna Mishra (of Cuttack), a Writer & Professor of Odia (Retd.)                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 17.05.10 | Went to village by train (with Silu and Mama). Reached village by 1pm. Jhia, Juhi, Jojo had come. Went to village Raghunath Temple. Entire village was united for the completion of Temple work. Bishnu Chhotaray (with his wife) offered the main Puja/ Prayer. Many seniors, those who stay outside, had assembled.                                                      |

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| 18.05.10 | <p>Village new temple inauguration was held at Tarapi for 3 days. Day-2 lunch (for 500 persons) was hosted by me.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 27.05.10 | <p>Purchased TVS Streak (for Gurujang) from CRP Square. Khurdha-Bou had sent money. While coming, there was hailstorm and shower. We brought Mama from Tuition, Silu drove the new vehicle (Streak); rest of us came by car. Reached home after 8:30pm. Cost of Streak Rs 42,200/-</p>                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 30.05.10 | <p>Attended lunch, given by Sri GB Mishra family, on eve of their Gruha-Pravesh in Adarsh Vihar. It was hot and humid outside. Went to Tarapi by evening DMU. Got a lift from Lipu (Tarapi). Bou had collected mangoes from our tree. She had brought fresh prawn.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 20.06.10 | <p>Mita's friend Mani had invited all of us to watch a movie of her daughter (Archita Sahu) at Stutee. Chhabi (another friend of Mita) had come with her family. We returned via Damana market, reached home at around 4 pm. Earlier, Bimba kaka had invited us to go to Malipada (for Sura-Kaka Shraddha).</p>                                                                                                                                                      |
| 01.07.10 | <p>Nana-bapa (uncle) shifted to Cuttack for his operation. In the staff council it was declared that I would be PGP-Chairperson. Prof. A.K Sar is the new Dean of KSoM.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 03.07.10 | <p>Mama has started learning how to drive scooty. To increase her confidence, I took her to cuttack to meet Nanabapa in Clinic (Spandan). She was riding comfortably. It must have been an adventurous and memorable experience for her. She enjoyed. We reached home back at 9AM. Then I went to office. As expected, PGP-Chair job turned out to be tough-job, as convincing the teachers was not too easy. Students are not so convinced with the new system.</p> |
| 04.07.10 | <p>Went to Gurujang (on invitation from Nana-nuabou) for lunch. Kanan Apa and Mithu also joined. Bou was happy to see all of us together. On our return journey, we visited (residence of) friend of Silu (Debabrat/ Sonu) in Kalinga Vihar. They had constructed a decent house recently there.</p>                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 08.07.10 | <p>Inaugural function of MBA-II. It was followed by counselling and open discussion with students in</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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|            | auditorium. There was a positive start to program, for the newly admitted batch.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 12.07.10   | Inauguration function for MBA-I. Dr Samanta, VC, Dean were on dais. I gave vote of thanks. It was followed by faculty interaction, which I coordinated. Induction programme, OJT Presentation and finally dinner in KSOM. Mama's Birthday: had taken her to temple, bought sweets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 13.07.2010 | Ratha Yatra/ Car Festival: Silu got up early, on his own. We all went to KIIT Jagannath Temple. Our neighbour, Patra babu's family and Nani joined us. Joined Dillip Mandhata's Gruha Pravesh (house warming Lunch).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 01.08.10   | Organisers of Kuhuri Regional Public Library (RPL) had invited me for their 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary function. They had prizes for successful students of different schools of that area. I went by train. Bapi (Son of Sanju-Babuli) had come to station. After a brief stay at Tarapi, I went to Taladih and had breakfast at Bapi's house (Sanju). Function went on very well. They had refreshment/Prasad arrangements at Mahavir Temple. Met Jayant bhaina (Priest), my classmate. Returned by DMU and reached BBSR by 6 pm. |
| 02.08.10   | Usual classes of MBA-I at KSoM. Completed Averages and Dispersion chapter and started probability.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 05.09.10   | Babuli-Bapi came from Kuhudi in a mini-bus, along with 20 others to go to Talcher (groom for Lipi). They had brought rice for us from Tarapi. Satya nana, Deba and myself joined them from BBSR. Went via Trisulia-Athagarh-Khuntuni and reached Talcher Thermal by 1 pm. Shyam Behera (my batch-mate) was an engineer in the same plant (TTPS). Groom's family treated us very well. I could not go to Badal nana's residence. Took rest at Shyam Behera's quarter. Returned by TTPS bus (arranged by Shyam). Returned by 7:30pm     |
| 03.10.10   | Came from village by Hirakhund Express, reached BBSR Residence by 9:30am. Then went to Utkal University, Vanivihar ( State Department) to attend National Workshop on Stat. System and official stat. Mr. Jogeswar Das (DG & CEO of NSSO) and Sri Panchannan Das (Spl. Secy to P & C Dept., Odisha) were the guests. Many teachers like Arun Panda, Pravat, had come. Prof. J. Sarangi was a speaker.                                                                                                                                 |
| 04.10.10   | Last Mid-sem Exam at KSOM. Felt bit relieved, after the exam.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 22.10.10   | HE, Md Hamid Ansari (VP) came around 10:30AM, first to KISS (Tribal School) then at 11:00 AM to KIIT Auditorium. There was unprecedented security                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|          | arrangement. We were waiting inside auditorium before one hour. Meeting was mainly for question answer session with KIIT student. It was brief but quite decently held.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 14.11.10 | Children's day. President of Mauritius, Sir Anerood Jugnauth visited KIIT, with his wife. Silu leaves for Rourkela, by evening bus. He appeared CAT-2010 today.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 27.10.10 | National Finance Conclave held. A bit hectic day. RBI deputy governor (Mr. Chakraborty), CGM, SBI. Debasish Mohanty (Country Head, UTI M.F) and a few others attended. I conducted compulsory Quiz for MBA-I.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 05.12.10 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Convocation of KIIT University. As a member of academic council, joined procession in dress/ gown, along with others (Governor, Delhi CM, Smt. Shiela Dixit, ISRO Chief, KIIT Staff). Nice experience. Function ended at 2pm. Took rest at residence, in afternoon.<br>                                                                               |
| 12.12.10 | Reached Rourkela by 8am. Naba had come to receive me. Sada mamu and main (of Rourkela) had died in one tragic road accident. Their 10 <sup>th</sup> day rituals held on bank of river Koel. I had to attend (as nephew) from our family. Basu was their at Naba's residence, with his family. We all left Rourkela together by Tapaswini Express. Met Rama (Naba/ Rabi's eldest brother) and his wife at station. Basu is their cousin (from Hanumant) |
| 27.12.10 | Left Gurujang, for Tarapi, early in the morning. Reached village by 8AM. Jhia, Sami & Bou had made all arrangement for father's Shraddha. Cooking (for 50 persons) was over by 12 Noon. Serving others (neighbours and relations) went upto evening. Benu kaka, Khudi, Rabi (Hanumant) were their. Shraddha was held smoothly/ satisfactorily. I was on leave.                                                                                         |
| 08.01.11 | KIITEE-Management test passed off smoothly. I was there before time (by 9AM). KIIT paid me Rs 1500/- for the examination work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| 16.01.11 | Jitu-babuli came with Satya nana. Babuli, who is now in UK, is getting married tomorrow. I took them for Campus visit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 19.02.11 | Went to BAM, early in the morning by Prasanti Express. Ratnakar Misra received me from station. Went to University (Bhanjavihar), after meeting Prof. Snehalata Panda and Sabat Babu, on our way to BU. Attended (All Odisha) Commerce Conference and met many old colleagues/ friends there. Got thesis of Ratnakar from University, for evaluation. Prafulla bhai had also gone there to attend the Conference. I returned back, same evening, by Prasanti Express (along with Pratap Mohanty). Reached home at 10:30pm. Very tiring day.                                 |
| 03.03.11 | NMC (National Management Convocation) of KSOM inaugurated. Dassault- Systems V.P. and UB-group MD (Kalyan Ganguly) were guest. Dr Samant was present. Sanjay, Arun Panda, Prof. Badar Allam, Snehalata Panda and some other known persons had come. So, I was quite busy till late evening, as I coordinated. Also took dinner along with guests and Sanjaya's family in our guest house.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 02.04.11 | Workshop on Research Methodology for which I was trying hard since last one month, was inaugurated by VC. Participation was really very good. It was appreciated by all. Arindam Tripathy (boby) came on time (from USA). Rudra Pradhan (IIT-K) and Rajendra Nargundkar (IMT Nagpur) joined in afternoon. Local subject experts were also there. Prof. AKPC Swain, Fakir Mohan Sahoo, Uday Nath Dash, Ranjan Bal were local resource persons. Bally, July and Ambika were my surprise guests. Prof A.K. Roy (CIFA) was also there. I was totally busy from 8 AM to 9:30 PM. |
| 03.04.11 | Second and final day of Workshop. It went on well. Rudra Pradhan was not successful. It ended at 5:30pm. After that, students farewell party (KSOM) was held. Workshop guest started leaving farewell party (KSOM) was held. Workshop guest started leaving (2 from IIT, 3 from BAM, 2 from Kolkatta and other local guests left by 7 PM.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 06.05.11 | Akshaya Trutiya/ Ghara Pratistha of our Kanan Tower Apartment flat. Brahmins (local)came in time. We were there in time. Jhia came from Puri with all Puja material, early in the morning. Puja was over by 11:30AM. Catering party came in time. All guests (over 130) were satisfied. Weather was good. Jhia, Mama, Silu had worked hard until end. Bou joined us in the afternoon. (She came from                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|          | Tarapi, after her own Puja). Mita and myself stayed back in flat, that night.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 15.05.11 | Kitu's negotiation at Khurda. Niru's Boss Sudhir (Ranbaxy) had come to Bhubaneswar. I met him and his wife in his Hotel Hindustan International (with Mama) and then went to Khurda by car. Prafulla bhai had arranged lunch at Barunei. Kitu's in-laws had come. I returned with Mama via, Gurujang. Petrol price increased again by another Rs 5/.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 16.05.11 | Silu's last day at NIT-R. I applied 9 days EL putting Srikant Das in-charge, in my place, at KSoM. Exam Evaluation work at Ksom almost complete, now.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 22.05.11 | Marriage of Sabita (daughter of Sura Mamu) at Taradi. Had to spent almost half of that night awake. Mita had gone early. She got married to son of Baghua Chhotaray of our village.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 07.06.11 | Mama's Counselling for KIIT (B.Tech) admission. It took nearly 4 hours. Finally she got admission in B.Tech MBA dual degree. Prof. Badar Alam came from Aligarh (AMU). I put him in KIIT guesthouse. We had dinner together outside.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 08.06.11 | Went to Berhampur by car (with Bijay Driver) along with Prof. Badar and Silu. We had taken Gas Cylinder for closure/ surrender at BAM office. Reached BU at 10am. Silu could manage to return cylinder at 'Lingaraj Gas' and got the deposit back. I conducted the PhD viva for Ratnakar Mishra                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 14.06.11 | All of a sudden planned to go to Puri. Left for BBSR early for PURI, by car. Mita had prepared Cake for "Raja". Climate was good (cool). We reached Puri (at residence of Jhia-Rabi) by 9AM. After refreshment, we all went to Saatapada (Famous for Dolphin and Sea-mouth of Chilika) in two cars. Rabi had arrangements for us in Panthanivas (for Lunch). All of us had lunch (crab etc.) together there and then went for boating, to see Sea-mouth and Dolphins. Though we could not see dolphin initially, the journey was enjoyable. Children enjoyed the most. It took (the motor boat) around one-hour to reach the confluence of lake (Chilika) and Sea. There was small arrangement for tourists. As we returned by boat, all of us were anxious to see Dolphins. Initially thought, we might miss. But the motor-boat-driver (boatman) was quite cooperative; he finally took us in boat to the actual place where dolphins swam/roamed a plenty. We all enjoyed; took snaps. |



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|          | Returned to Puri residence of Rabi, all of us happier, by 7PM.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 15.06.11 | It rained continuously. We stayed back at Puri. Early in the morning, we visited holy tanks/ponds like: Indradyumna, Narendra, Sweta ganga then had darshan of Lord Sri Jagannath on “Snana-Mandap”. Today is quite auspicious. Raja Sankranti, Purnima, eclipse and Snana-purnima rituals of the Gods (Last day of Darshan before Rath Jatra). Then after breakfast (after 11Am), we went for a drive (in two cars) in Marine drive, in the rain, upto Konark. Silu drove for half the way. We made brief stopovers at ‘Ramachandi’ Chandrabhaga and Konark. Rain did not stop. Still we enjoyed. Finally we returned by 3PM and then took (late) lunch. I met my old school-mate, Ajay Pradhan, a Poet, who studied along with me at Kuhuri High School. He is from Puri; stays here with his family. |
| 17.06.11 | Marriage ceremony of Dipu. He had arranged his bride, who was serving in his office. There was opposition in his family, because of the caste of bride. Somehow got settled. Most of the relations attended. (With the condition, that bride would not go to Dipu’s village/ house). Barrat started from Gurujang. Marriage was held at Bilashini Kalyan Mandap (in CS-pur, BBSR). Dipu and his wife stayed in Gurujang for 1 <sup>st</sup> 7 days and then proceeded to their workplace.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 18.06.11 | Preparation for our visit to North-East state (as examiner to College of Fisheries, CU Agartala), with my family.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 19.06.11 | I went first by (Kingfisher) flight to Kolkatta (to attend KIIT admission interview). Mita, Silu, Mama went later by Dhaulī Express. Prof. R.N. Swain was the other colleague from KSoM there. We stayed in a small hotel (Nataraj) near Howrah Station.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 20.06.11 | Early in the morning, we proceeded from Hotel (near Howrah Station) to Kolkatta Airport. It was first air travel experience for Mita, Silu and Mama. They really enjoyed there, in the airport. Air India Flight to Agartala was on time. We reached Agartala Airport by 12 noon. Vehicle was there for us. We reached college of Fisheries (CoF) Guest House and took Lunch. Stay was comfortable. Prof. AK Roy and Prof. Chandrakant Mishra (CoF Staff) received and treated us well.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 21.06.11 | We hired a taxi and travelled some of the notable tourist places of Tripura, like Mata-bari (Bhubaneswari Temple), Neermahal (Water Palace), Kalibari, Bangladesh border. Also visited the residence of Silu’s friend Saurabh (in                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|          | Agartala town). We took dinner at Chandrakant and Micky's residence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 22.06.11 | Exam related work in CoF. I was busy from morning till late evening (along with A.K Roy). Mita, Silu and Mama went to market in Agartala town (along with Micky, Wife of Chandrakanta). Silu had a NIT-R friend in Agartala.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 23.06.11 | We returned from Agartala to Kolkata (by Air India flight). Same taxi driver (Kamruddin) took me from airport to Howrah station. Santa and Sudhir were waiting for us in Station. We came by Coromondal Express and reached BBSR residence by 9PM, in night.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 29.07.11 | Silu left for Bangalore by Prasanti Express by 5.45AM. We all (including Bou) went Railway station to see him off. He had lot of luggage. He is to join Sony company on 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 30.07.11 | After a brief meeting (on O.J.T. evaluation) with dean, I left for Railway station to Board Neelachal Express (for Aligarh). II AC compartment was not up to the Mark.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 31.07.11 | Reached A.M.U by 4 pm. Dr Irfan had come to Aligarh station to receive me. Made my preparation for refresher course talk. Prof. Badar Alam came to meet me. I stayed in A.M.U Guest House-1 (Aligarh).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1.08.11  | In A.M.U- got up early, checked again my presentation schedule. Took breakfast and went to a. Staff college along with Prof. Badar. Took into session at ASC of AMU. It was good. After getting TA & DA, left AMU for Delhi by taxi. Took lunch on my own way at Sahranpur. Road was bumpy, fall of potholes. From Noida, Express high way journey was enjoyable. Reached Delhi Airport (via- AIMS, Mehrauli Road), Terminal-3. T-3 is the new (Ultra-modern) extension of Delhi Airport, constructed by GMR by International standard. Got Kingfisher Flight in time (6.50 pm). Reached BBSR by 9 and residence at 9.30. Even for these 2 days, I was missing my family too much, Mita was also missing me. Mita was taking every care of Bou. Happy ending. |
| 10.08.11 | Took my food early; rushed to Ksom to take 2 periods, After which I had to go to airport. Mita had prepared packet lunch. Boarded Air- India Flight for BBSR- Delhi. I had earlier booked ICSSR guesthouse (Chintan). They had sent cab to receive me. Manish & Dipan Sahu (KSRM-MRM 1 <sup>st</sup> batch students) were waiting there to meet me. Accommodation was ok. Took dinner.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 11.08.11 | (In Delhi): Reached the venue for IMC at IIC (Indian International Centre) at Lodhi road in time. Convention was coordinated by portal/ agency. MBA Universe, KIIT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|           | and other b- schools had sponsored the event. It was for a show of strength of private b-schools. I had gone there at KSoM representative. VC Prof. Ashok Kolaskar was a guest. It went up to 9 pm. Returned to guest house after dinner by 10 PM.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12..08.11 | Second day of convention at Delhi. Met Panchu (of Tarapi) on my way to the convention venue. VC chaired a session. I met friends like Parameswar Naik, Gokul Patel, Rajendra Nargundkar. Met other heads of leading B- schools (like, Prof. Pritam Singh etc.). After lunch, I left for Delhi railway station (by Delhi Metro). Delhi Station was too crowded. But Rajdhani Express Journey was really comfortable. |
| 26.08.11  | Shathif Ali (from Maldives), who did FDPM with me at IIM-A, came to BBSR as AMDISA executive body member. He had a meeting at RCM, BBSR and stayed in Mayfare. I invited him to visit KIIT campus. Mita went to Gurujang.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 28.08.11  | (Sunday) Anupam Bhrat conducted its annual quiz for high school students, in over 55 centres in Odisha. I coordinated Niladri vihar (BBSR) centre. Prof. Sailabala Devi and Hrushikesh Mallick were the other guests. Balmiki Patro (of Anupam Bharat) was coordinating.                                                                                                                                            |
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| 27.09.11  | Khurda Bou (along with Nana- Nuabou) left for Gurujang (after stay of 20 days). I could not see-off, as I had two classes and then a guest lecture (seminar talk) at IMIS. The seminar talk was arranged by Manidutta Ray (Asst. prof, IMIS). It went on very well. The day was very tiring. Mita also worked hard to clean our house, after departure of Bou.                                                      |
| 22.10.11  | It is a half day for me, as I have to leave for 11pm Rourkela by intercity exp (1.30 pm). Jitendra Kumar Ram (My scholar & manager, BGB) had already arrived (from Baripada) at station. Both of us travelled together. We had a joint paper for that seminar. Reached Rourkela by 9.30                                                                                                                             |

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|              | PM. IIPM (Kanshbahal) had arranged vehicle to receive us from station. Reached their Guesthouse. Took rest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 23.10.11     | @IIPM Kanshbahal: Seminar started bit late, as the guests (Prof. PK Sahoo, Utkal-VC; S Tamotia, Ex-CMD NALCO arrived late). Met Prof. Kishore Meher and other academicians there. Returned to station that evening, after seminar. Returned to BBSR by Tapaswini Express.                                                                                                          |
| 29.10.11     | Visited Berhampur University, as guest speaker, for the Research Methodology workshop, organized by Dr. Arun Panda (HoD then). Met old friends; returned same evening.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 4.12.11      | KT Apartment house given on rent to Mr. Rajnish Kapoor, at Rs12,000 per month. Advance received from him.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3.01.12      | Indian Sc Congress (ISC) held in KIIT campus, with best possible arrangements. Mita, Mama, Rabi-Jhia, Juhi Jojo all attended inaugural function with me. PM, CM, Governor attended inaugural function. It was a grand success. All guests praised KIIT hospitality.                                                                                                                |
| 9.01.12      | (Pausha Purnima): It rained in the afternoon till night; then came a telephone call, at 11.30 PM, from Badal Nana, that (Khurdha)-bou (mother-in-law) passed away. Same night, we went with Bimba kaka; reached Gurjang by 12.40 am. Other relatives had arrived. Decided to do cremation at Swarga Dwaara (Puri). Arranged 2, 3 more vehicles and reached Puri by 5 am, next day. |
| 10.01.12     | My friend Laxmi Chhotaray (ASI) helped us a lot, during cremation. We returned by 9.30; but reached KIIT office after 12 noon. Mita & Mama stayed back at Gurujang.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 18.01.12     | Dasha karma (10 <sup>th</sup> day) at Gurujang; All relatives attended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 19.01.12     | 11 <sup>th</sup> day: Prasad sevan, after condolence meeting. Over 500 persons attended Prasad sevan (arranged from Laxmi Narayan temple Jatni).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 26.01.12     | Went to water-world, near Phulanakhara, with Jhia, Juhi & Jojo. Daasha from our village was a supervisor, so he helped and treated us very well.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7.02.12      | Went to Delhi, by afternoon flight, to appear selection interview (to be held at IIT Delhi campus). Rainy winter; checked in to IIT-D guesthouse by 7pm; took early dinner.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 8.02.12      | Gave my presentation before IIM Raipur Director. 12 candidates were there. No one was selected. I returned back same evening (by IndiGo flight), reached BBSR at 7 pm. Unhappy over non-selection.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 17,18 Feb.12 | NMC of KSoM, KIIT. I had chaired one session. Next day went to village to caste my vote (in election).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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| 29.02.12   | Attended Board of Studies (BoS) meeting of Berhampur University. Ashok Mohanty, Sanjay Patro also attended at BU Bhanjabihar. Returned same evening by train.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 16.03.12   | My TV interview (eTV) on budget analysis. Other experts/ panellists were: Sri Natabar Khuntia, Host/ compering was done by Mr. Deba Prasad Das. It was telecast live.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 17.03.12   | Attended Utkal DDCE workshop on research methodology, as resource person. I had taken two sessions there; sessions were very much satisfactory.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 29,30.3.12 | Went to Chennai on 29 <sup>th</sup> evening by flight, invited by Prof. NRV Prabhu to conduct PhD viva for his scholar on 30 <sup>th</sup> , at Sathyabama University. There, I met their registrar (SS Rao, scholar of Prof. Devi Mishra). That afternoon, we both went to VIT Chennai campus. Met my former colleagues, Prof. KT Rengamani, Harikrishna, Vasumathi, Krishnakumar. Same night, I went to Bangalore. |
| 31.03.12   | Got down at KR Puram station. Silu received me from station. But entire day we toured Bangalore city (with Ranjit, husband of Lipi). We all were tired. Took rest early. I had to catch next day early morning flight.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 12.04.12   | I cleared my housing loan, much early. Got clearance certificate from Axis bank RAC BBSR.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 14,15.4.12 | Visited Puri with family. Stayed with Jhia-Rabi. Visit to: Gour Vihar Matha, Sri Mandir. Beach.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 19-22/4/12 | Research Methodology workshop was coordinated by me. VC, Prof. Nanda, Dean and all PhD scholars attended. It was a huge success. Prof. Fakir Mohan Sahu, Prof. Uday Nath Das, Prof. Damodar Suar (IIT kgpr), Ratnakar were resource persons. Sasmita Mishra was joint coordinator.                                                                                                                                   |
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| 12.5.12    | Conference of PMIR dept, Utkal in Hotel Meghdoot/ Empire (Sahid Nagar, BBSR). Attended as a delegate; had less role.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 15.5.12    | Went to Berhampur University MBA dept (by train) to conduct their viva (of MBA students).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 16.5.12    | FDP of KSoM and release of KSoM journal, Parikalpana. I'm now the new editor our research journal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| 23,24/5/12 | Sudhir & Soham came to our (Adarsh vihar kiit residence).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 25,26/5/12 | Went to village with family. Niru with family and jhia with her family were there. Niru returned.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 27.5.12    | Returned from village to BBSR, via Malipada (dropped Sami, Chhotu Neha there). Attended marriage anniversary lunch of Kitu at Hotel Puspak. We gave Kitu Rs.2500/-.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 19.6.12    | Bhutan visit with family: Left BBSR by Jan Shatabdi Exp upto Howrah; went to Santa's residence for some rest, for 5,6 hours; then reached Sealdah station to catch Kanchan Kanya express at 8.30 PM.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 20.6.12    | <p>Reached Hasimara station by 11 am. My MBA student Ravi Jain had come with a car to receive us n then took us to Jaigaon (his home town, bordering Bhutan n next to Phuensholing town of Bhutan). Took lunch at Ravi's place. He had arranged Bhutanese currency n travel pass. Then at 3 PM, we left for Thimpu. Taxi driver was young youth, John Lama. 7 hour journey through zig-zag mountain ghaat road, n then we reached Thimpu at 9.30 PM. Checked into a small economy hotel.</p>   |
| 21.6.12    | We all got up early in the morning, being curious to see the 'foreign' land Bhutan. It was cool, pleasant (while Odisha was too hot in June). Had brief morning walk, close to River Thimpu (mochhu). Then driver Lama came; first visited 'National Memorial'. Went to Budhha point, on mountaintop (huge bronze statue). I visited Royal Institute of Management (RIM Thimpu) alone. Could not do much networking.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 22.6.12    | I was very tired, with high-altitude sickness; so we all dropped the plan of visiting Punakha zhong n proceeded                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|          | straight to Paro (the airport city of Bhutan), Checked into a better hotel at Paro so stay was very comfortable. I found Paro climate better than that of Thimpu. Visited Paro museum. We all were damn tired, so thought of cancelling next day prog of Bhutan and return to India (plains). |
| 23.6.12  | Left Paro by 10 am and then we reached Phuensholing by 3 Pm (via Chuzom, Chapcha, Bunagu, Gedu, Rincheding). That day we took rest in Hotel Galing (in Phuensholing).                                                                                                                         |
| 24.6.12  | Paid Taxi and the tour operator all dues and then left for Hashimara station, to catch train at 5.30 PM.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 25.6.12  | Reached Sealdah; then went to Santa's (Kolkata) residence for some time (took lunch there), then returned to Howrah station to catch Faluknama superfast exp. Return journey to was comfortable.                                                                                              |
| 26.6.12  | FDP for all faculty members of KIIT. I attended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 01.07.12 | Board of Studies meeting of Ravenshaw Statistics Dept. I attended BoS meeting as a member, invited by Pravat.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 01.09.12 | Visit to ISBM Bhubaneswar to conduct their (MBA project) viva, invited by Prof. Umesh Patnaik (Director).                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 9.9.12   | KIIT Convocation. Bhutan PM Jigme Thinley was chief guest. I was in academic procession of convocation (with robe), as academic council member. Felt really very happy. That evening, I went to my village, Tarapi.                                                                           |
| 22.9.12  | Went to BAM with Mita by train to encash KVP of Mita from Engineering school Post office. (Done by Sabat babu)                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 28.9.12  | KSoM wanted to implement new performance mgmt. system (PMS) for teachers, suggested by the consultant, Mr. Nishith Mohanty (HR expert). Kaushik Sahoo opposed and argued.                                                                                                                     |

### **October (2012): Ahmedabad - Udaipur - Indore- Ujjain family visit**

21<sup>st</sup> October, 2012:

We left our Bhubaneswar residence early in the morning, for Khordha to catch Ahmedabad (ADI) train, we had luckily got the tatkal tickets confirmed (at the last moment). Journey was comfortable, but quite lengthy. Reached ADI (Bally's residence at Bakery city, Vejalpur area) on 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. (at 5 am).

On 23<sup>rd</sup> morning, after lunch and a brief rest, we all went to Gandhi Nagar by bus and visited Swami Narayan Temple. Returned to Bally's residence by 9.20 pm.

24<sup>th</sup>: Today, we all visited IIM -Ahmedabad campus (in Vastrapur area), and then visited some other important places by city-bus service (Sabarmati-Gandhi Ashram, Jain temple, Kankaria lake etc.). Returned to ADI-residence

of Bally, bit tired. Niru had suggested to visit Udaipur, together (both the families). So we packed off everything for our travel to - Udaipur, by bus.

Today - Dushera / vijaya Dashami

25<sup>th</sup>: After early lunch left ADI for Udaipur by bus (from Gita Mandir ST Bus Stop). The private bus, in which we travelled was bit crowded. But, we reached Udaipur safe (though bit late). Booked a big hall type room in Hotel Vaidehi (near hotel Nataraj, close to Udaipur railway station). Niru came by train, with his family; we stayed together in that hotel room. Took dinner at the nearby hotel Natraj (enjoyed vegetarian Rajasthani thalee/ plate).

26<sup>th</sup>: Entire day, we visited important places of Udaipur.

First visited Sri Nathji temple at Nathdwara, Then Haldighat (Where Rana Pratap had fought against king - Akbar's Army, led by Raja Mansingh). Haldighat Museum was decent- Then inside Udaipur city, visited city-palace, Saheli ki bag, Fateh Sagar (lake), Lake Palace etc.



Returned to our hotel by evening; then we all boarded an Indore-bound train, at night.

28<sup>th</sup>: Reached Indore (with family of Niru), by 8.30 AM

After lunch, we all took some rest; then visited Khajrana-Ganesh temple (Indore). Made some purchases from nearby malls/ markets.

28<sup>th</sup> (Sun): Niru had arranged a driver (Rajkumar), who took us (in Niru's Maruti Alto) to Ujjain. Sri Mahakeleswar was the main deity. We had a very nice darshan, in the morning. Then visited other places of Ujjain like Maa Har Siddhi, Gada-Kali, Sandipani Ashram, Kal-Bhairav temple (The temple where liquor was given/ offered to God), Bhartari Cave etc.). Then we returned to Indore residence of Niru by 1 pm. We took lunch at Narendra's residence, together.

Also visited same day, some other places of Indore - City (like Lalbagh Palace of Rani Ahilya Bai of Holkar-dynasty, which has now been converted to Nehru museum, by MP Govt.



After a brief rest and early dinner, went to Indore railway station to catch the return-journey train (via - Nagpur). Sanji (of Soran) was with us. Niru had lost his mobile same evening.

Train left Indore on time at 8.35 PM

29<sup>th</sup>: Got down at Nagpur station at 9AM to catch the connecting train for BBSR. During this last lag of our journey, we had to travel by Sleeper class (as AC tkts were not available); tkt (purchased in tatkal-quota). We had 2 hours' free time at Nagpur. So took rest there in waiting room. Train left on time at 11 AM. Sleeper Compartment was crowded. Any way journey was safe.

30<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday): Train reached BBSR late by 2.30 hrs. Reached our BBS res at 9 AM so I cancelled my classes of MBA-I (by sending e-mail to students), Joined office after 11 AM.

There was common meeting of all teachers of KIIT, addressed by VC, Registrar, Secretary (Mr. RN Das) and founder (Prof. A. Samanta).

All were very much tired (by cleaning the house/ clothes). Went to bed early, that night.

## **17.11.2012**

17<sup>th</sup> (Saturday): Prof. Umesh Ch Patnaik (Dir, ISBM) had invited me as la keynote speaker for his National Seminar. I joined Prof Chhatoi (Principal, DD College, Keonjhar) in same car and reached venue (near Gangapada, Khurda) on time. Had breakfast & lunch there. Prof. Ranian Bal, Prof Suditi Banerjee were the other guests. My session was satisfactory. After returning from ISBM, visited KSOM office in evening for some time. Met Dean and PGP staff for exam related work.

18<sup>th</sup> (Sunday): We visited Prof. Chandra Panda's house, near Patia station. [He was my senior colleague at BU, a retired Prof of Chemistry.]

## **December 2012**

3.12.12: Prof. Arun Panda had invited me for Gruha Prabesh/ Pratistha (House warming) of his younger brother (Kiran). Kiran has taken a flat (apartment) near Bomikhal area (BBSR). I went there during lunchtime.

Prof. PK Padly's Scholar (Er Raghunandan Muni) came to my office for research guidance/ Consultation.

15<sup>th</sup> (Sat.): Marketing Conclave and of KSoM, KIIT. It was held in main audi in campus-6. Conclave was successful. Honda Motor director (Marketing) Isakawa had come as chief guest.

**31<sup>st</sup> Dec.** (Mon): Silu left BBSR early in the morning for Bangalore, by Prasanti Exp. I dropped him at BBSSR rly station. Took rest. Intimated formally house-owner of KIIT leased house (Mr. Patnaik) about our shifting

plan. We shall now finally leave the Adarsh vihar house by January end. We have been living in this house since August, 2007. Spent the evening and wishing all friends/ relatives 'Happy New Year', through mail/ sms.

### **Jan-2013**

6<sup>th</sup> (Sun): KSoM Dept. picnic to Dhabaleswar. Though it was arranged for staff and family, Mita did not join (so also Mama). We left Ksom campus by 8AM and reached Dhabaleswar by 11 AM. Picnic Party was arranged in a pvt resort type farmhouse, near Dhabaleswar. As I had not been to the place earlier, I was very much interested. Samabesh Nayak and other staff had taken all care, we crossed hanging (jhulla) bridge and had darshan of Lord Dhabaleswar. Many Staff had gone with their family - All enjoyed very much: food, fun & dance. We returned safe and comfortably by 7.30 PM. Prof. Ashutosh Shared photographs instantly

17<sup>th</sup> Jan.: During evening, went to rly station to board Rajyarani Exp (to go to Rourkela). Prof. Arun Panda (BU) and Prof. Pravat Mohanty, (Utkal) were the other fellow Passenger, who travelled for same seminar of RIMS.

18<sup>th</sup>. Reached Rourkela by 9 AM - RIMS had sent vehicle to receive three of us. Bally's friend Aswini Patra, who works for RIMS, received us from station. The National Seminar went on very well. Late Sourya Patnaik's wife, Rita (my friend Tapan Mishra's younger sister) & Arjya Patnaik are now managing RIMS. I also met Sambalpur University MBA HOD, Biswajit Satpathy; Prof. Kumarbar Das (VC of FM University), Bhaswati Patnaik of NIT-R and a few others. Sreekumar & Santosh Biswal of RIMS took all Care. Seminar went upto 8 pm. Then I left Rourkela by same Rajyarani Exp., (a new weekly train between RKL-BBS).

### **31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2013 (Thursday):**

Decided to leave Adarsh Vihar (KIIT provided) residence, finally on 31<sup>st</sup> morning.

Finally we shifted to our own residence in Kanan Tower, Patia, a final address for us in BBSR. Mita was feeling tired. There was a marriage celebration, of our same floor neighbour Mohapatra babu's son Pinku was getting married. Spent first night in our flat/ apartment, all were damn tired. Sunaaram (KSoM peon) came to help us; in four trips we could shift our things (from Adarsh Vihar residence to Kanan Tower Apartment. As Biru & Dilia (of Tarapi) had to catch evening DMU, so, we closed shifting by 5.30 PM.

We carried our AC and Tata Sky Dish-antenna; connections could be removed and shifted. Decided to leave formally on 31<sup>st</sup> morning (Thursday, finally we shifted to our own residence in Kanan Tower, Patia), a final address for us in BBSR. There was some marriage celebration in that apartment, same floor neighbour Mohapatra babu's son Pinku got married.

Spent first night in our flat/apartment, all were damn tired.

**5.2.2013**

On invitation, I went to Brahmapur, to attend Board of Studies (Bos) meeting of BU-MBA Dept. Went early in the morning by Amaravati express and first met Bansidhar Tripathy Mause (at his Ramanagar residence). Then visited MBA dept. (BU), met many old colleagues there. Returned by Superfast express, at 4.30 pm; Reached BBSR residence by 8 pm.

Silu had sent a latest LCD (Sony- Bravia) TV by courier. It came also at 8 PM.

**10.2.13 (Sunday):**

As per plan, myself and Mita went to Khurdha by Honda-Activa scooter. Then, we joined Prafulla Bhai & Kanan Apa (in their car) to go to Bolagad. As Rabindra Parida of Bolagad (Mamu) was closely related to Khurdha-bou and Bapa. He was celebrating (as a big formal meeting) his 68th birthday at Bolagad. He has written a book 'Bolagad History' and was very popular in his area. Bou had started her teaching career from Bolagad.



[This is the very house, where Smt Ramabati Debi stayed during late 1960's]

We reached his Bolagad residence by 1PM. Badal nana came by Scooty. Many other persons were also invited. We had our lunch together in his residence. Then attended the meeting in town hall, called "Nandighosh". Meeting went beyond 5 pm. we rushed back to Khurda and then to BBSR), as Mama was alone at home. Finally reached residence at 8 PM.

Visit to Bolagad was comfortable and memorable - Prafulla Bhai was very happy.

**15.2.2013**

Sarswati Puja. We all went to Khandagiri area to attend Bimba Kaka's "Ghara Pratistha"/house-warming. Flat is located after Satya Sai enclave. Other relatives, like Benu kaka Khudi, Badal Nana - nuabou, Bobby, Julli & Geli had also come to attend. We stayed there for 2/3 hrs, then returned by home.

**28.2.2013 (Thursday):** I attended a Refresher course at Utkal University (MBA Dept.), as a Resource Person (guest speaker).

**18.4.2013:**

Met BJD minister Mr. Rabi Nanda, at his official residence (Unit-6), (regarding possible transfer of Rabindra Pradhan). Meeting arranged by Aditya, (son of Mr. Rabi Nanda), who had joined kiit for a programm, for sometime, but later left. Meeting was unsuccessful.

### 1.5.2013:

Sri Fakir Harichandan (father of Sri Prasad Harichandan, my friend & Ex-PCC President) expired last night; he was 83.

5.5.13: Booked tkt for my proposed BAM visit (on 19th). Prof. Umesh Panigrani has invited me to his National Seminar (at Kalam Institute, BAM). Silu left for Bangalore by evening flight, at 6/7 pm. Mita & myself had gone to airport to drop him. New terminal of airport has come-off well.

15.5.13Niru, Jhia came to our (BBS) residence with their family.

17. (Fri) KIIT is going to implement SAP and they have identified a core team (representatives from each school / section). I am representing KSoM. SAP training / orientation held in Campus-6. My old student Susant Patra (MBA from BU, Amiya Sahu's batch mate) was from SAP (as a manager, giving us the training).

19<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday): A new college near Brahmapur, Kalam Institute of Tech. (KIT), invited me to attend their National Seminar as a keynote Speaker. I, along with Jiten Ram, went to BAM by Chennai Mail early in the morning. KIT had sent vehicle to receive us. Other old colleagues from BU, (Prof. Prakash Mishra, Arun Panda & Subas Parida) had also come for the same event as guests. KIT is situated near Gobindpur village (in between BAM & Chhatrapur).



Session started late (by over 1 hr 30 min). But it went on very well, my talk was good. We had our lunch there at 2pm. Then visited Dr. Banshidhar Tripathy at Ram Nagar (BAM), stayed there for 45 minutes. Then we went to Ratnakar Mishra's residence. He was suffering for the past 2 months. Also stayed there for another 45 minutes.



Met a common friend (of Jiten Rama & Jugal Agrawal) Mr. Panigrahi of UGB there. Returned by train. Reached BBSR home at 10 PM. Visit was smooth/ comfortable & successful.

**20.6.13:** (Thur.). As planned, JE/ SDO had arranged JCB-machine through Bana/ Bidia Srichandan (of Tarapi) to make one approach road to our jungle-land. Day was too hot. But somehow major work could be done by afternoon. There was no electricity in evening in village, that day. Took rest without fan.

**22.6.13:** Prof. Parimal Vyas (of MS University Baroda) was returning from his PURI-BBS trip. Met him and his wife at airport. Mita had prepared snacks for them. Prof. Parimal had then a meteoric rise, and became Vice Chancellor of MS University Baroda.



**29.6.13:** Statistics day (birth anniversary of PC Manalanobis) celebrated by NSSO (my former employer) in KIIT campus. I was invited to speak a few words as an invited speaker. Many from Stat area/ deptt. had come (Prof. J. Sarangi, AKPC Swain, Pravat Sarangi, Pradip Tripathy, Niranjana Mishra, Swarna Mishra). Ex colleagues from NSSO (Padhy babu from BAM, Behera babu from Ctc, AK Jena from BBSR etc.) had come to attend. Nice interaction with old colleagues; Had lunch with them and then.



I came back to KSoM for Ph.D. Scholar selection interview.

**5.7.13:** As planned, I went along with Prof. Biranchi Patra & Dr Ram Narayan Dash of my village/ area, to Janata High School Kuhuri, by (Biranchi nana's)

car. First, we stopped briefly at Chandpur, where Biranchi nana has founded a primary school. We addressed the students there. Then, at Kuhuri, old students association of Janata High School (JHS) organised the foundation day celebration. Khurda Sub-Collector (Mr. Ashok Kumar Dash, OAS, and my friend, of my Ravenshaw days') was the guest. We returned via Tarapi. Bou came along with us. Reached BBSR residence at 6 pm.



**9<sup>th</sup> July:** After attending office for pre-lunch session, I then left for Chennai (by Jet-air). Reached Chennai by 6 PM. Anna University Prof. L Suganthi had made all arrangements, so nicely. I am their Ph.D. examiner.

10<sup>th</sup> (Rath Yata day): I am in Anna University, Chennai. Conducted PhD viva for a candidate named Umayal. Then after lunch went around the city. Marina beach, Santhome Church etc). Took rest.



[With Prof. L Suganthi of Anna University Management Department.]

11<sup>th</sup>: Left Chennai by morning flight; Reached BBSR by 11 Am, then I joined office (ksom).

13<sup>th</sup>. MBA- I inauguration. Inauguration held, with guests: Founder, VC, Registrar and others senior officials. I offered vote of thanks.

14<sup>th</sup> (Sun). Shraadhha of Father-in-law at Gurujang, Khurda. We all (including Bou) went by car to attend the same. Others relatives like Benu-kaka, Bimba

kaka, Lakhi Kaka, Kanan Apa, Krushna nana had come. Returned back to Bhubaneswar residence before evening.



**18<sup>th</sup> July:** Dr. Bansidhar Tripathy came to stay with us. He was staying with his youngest daughter (Runi) near Boonikhal. I brought him to our residence in morning. Mita want to Khurda / Malipada (with Tripathy Mause) to attend Science project exhibition of school students. They both returned at 8 PM.

**21<sup>st</sup> (Sunday):** Took Tripathy mause to his (own) Jaydev vihar house (N-6/390); I spent entire morning with him, there. He felt very happy. He met his old neighbours, like Mr. Baig, Mohanty, Mallick, etc., there.



[Dr. Banshidhar Tripathy with neighbour/ friend, Mr. Baig.]

**22<sup>nd</sup> (Mon).** Dropped Dr. Bansidhar Tripathy (Mause) at his daughter (Runi)'s residence near Bomikhal (Bhubaneswar).

**27<sup>th</sup>:** Sasmita (Sanjay Patro's wife) article published in Anupam Bharat (arranged by me). Registrar approved my request for financial assistance of

Rs.1 lakh, to attend my US Conference. I must thank my employer, KIIT, for encouragement.

Completed ASEM US conference article on last day; My Air-tnkt for USA is purchased by KSOM AO (Mr. Samabesh Nayak). It is a bigt help for me.

### **10<sup>th</sup> August 2013:**

Dr. Bansidhar Tripathy came to our residence once again. Their daughters are now not that cooperative. Jhia, Juhi, Jojo came from Puri by train. . Rabi came by bus from Phulabani. Bou came by train from Tarapi. Today our house is fully crowded.

Ashaa & Satyanana- Nuabou also came in the evening, also came Simun with his daughter) acquaintance of Rabi.

11<sup>th</sup>: I left for Hyderabad in the morning by Visakha Exp. Tripathy mausa joined me, upto BAM. Sunny Panda (son of Late Kali Panda) had come to BAM station with breakfast (idle). Reached vizag by 4.30 pm. Boarded one Hyderabad bound (Volvo AC) bus at 7.30 pm from vizag (Rama Talkies Bus Stop). Bus journey was bit tedious.

12<sup>th</sup> (Mon.) Reached Hyderabad by 8 AM; went to Srinagar Tulsi Apartment (Amerpet area) to stay in SBI guesthouse (arranged by my friend Susant Sahu). In the afternoon, I went to US-VISA office (near Chiran Fort Rd, in Begumpet) for biometric & photograph.

In the evening, Bapi (my cousin, son of Taradi-Sanju) came and took me to Saranga-Pravati's (Hyderabad) house. There was heavy rain and power cut. Took dinner with them, then I came back to SBI guest house by 10pm. Saranga (and Pravati) are doing very well, economically; they have their own (big) house at Hyderabad.

**1<sup>st</sup> September, 2013:** (Sunday). Went to attend Annual function of Blind foundation, on invitation of my friend Kedar (Behera), in their state office near Ram Mandir. Also took Girija Khudi (wife of Bimba kaka) and Jiten Ram. Then we all went to Khurda, to Kanan Apa- Prafulla bhai's residence (along with Kaka & Khudi). Prafulla bhai himself had cooked mutton. We took lunch together. Returned back to BBSR residence by evening.

**15<sup>th</sup>** (Sunday): As per the plan, Prof. Ranjan Bal came in a car along with 3 Prof. Samson Maharana, Dr. Hota (HoD, Commerce, Utkal University), Dr. Digal Sabat in the morning at 8.30 AM. I joined them to reach VN College Jajpur Road (at about 11 AM) to attend the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'FDI in Retail'. I was in the Inaugural function as the Guest of Honour.





Though it was (academically) bit poorly managed, I enjoyed the visit (it being my first visit to Vyas Nagar College, Jajpur Road). We came back to BBSR, by 4:30 PM.

In the evening AGM of Kanan Tower Society was held. Formally, new office bearers took over (myself as President and Antaryami Behera as Secretary). I had taken the responsibility of snacks. Mita joined me and distributed sweets among the residents/ owners.

In the evening started packing things for USA visit.

### **My USA visit [Oct 2013]**

1<sup>st</sup> October 2013: Flight for Delhi (form BBSR) is at 2pm.

I asked Prof. Braja Kar to pick me up and drop at BBR airport at 12.30. Mita had packed everything. Reached airport on time. As I had time there, wrote to all the Colleagues, for the first times about my USA visit. Facebook response was enormous & quite inspiring. Reached Delhi by 5 PM. I had to wait there for over 5hrs. After 10 pm, baggage Check-in and immigration formalities were done, without any difficulty. Then after the long wait, I entered the international flight for the first time. Indian Airlines Boing career was huge! It left Delhi for Chicago at 1.30 am. I was at window seat. As side seat was vacant, I could stretch myself comfortably, and journey was comfortable. Flight Staff served well, four times, offering sufficient food, each time.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.**

Flight reached **Chicago** on time, at 7 am. So, finally I landed (after a journey of 18 hours) on US soil for the fast time. There was excitement as well as apprehension, too. 'Port of arrival' (in US) checking was done there at Chicago, thoroughly. Security staff appeared to be bit more professional, at the same time courteous and quite helpful. Chicago airport was huge. To go from one (international) terminal to another (domestic) terminal, one has to go by the metro-rail, which was available free, for the transfer of passengers. I reached the appropriate terminal quickly, to catch the American Airlines (AA) flight, at 10.30 am. I had again time to check internet and send mails to dear-ones.

American Airlines (AA) flight reached Minneapolis airport (msp) on time at 12.00 noon. After a wait of just 10 minutes, student volunteers (of conference) could locate me. They received me well and took me to **Hotel Park Plaza**, the Conference venue.

There was some initial trouble/ confusion. I was not having dollars; hotel room was not booked (they had not received money). So, I had to call Prof. Artatrana Ratha (younger brother of my friend, Dillip) to help. Luckily, he immediately transferred the required amount (USD 305 \$) and I could I check in to my room (#621). All Student volunteers were of Indian Origin. They helped me a lot. They gave me (conference) packet lunch. I settled down in hotel room and could check net and send mails. Welcome dinner was at 7pm. Wine was served. I met a few delegates and both the coordinators (Prof. Ben Baliga & Prof. Hiral Shah), both were from Indian origin (US citizens). Then I ventured out of the hotel, to have a look at the scenic view of roads & buildings, of that US city. Roads, with beautiful landscaping, were really very attractive!

After a brief walk outside, I returned to hotel room and tried to sleep early, but got up quite early.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.:** I first verified all the facilities, provisions and fittings of my hotel room. My Charger plug (of laptop & mobile) was not fitting. I asked student-volunteers, for a small converter. I used coffee maker to boil water (for drinking purpose). Half-a-litre bottled water was costing 1.5 USD. So, I used tap water (boiled by me) and avoided incurring extra expenditure on water (in hotel room). Silu called up. I tried my ATM cards in hotel ATM machine, and to my pleasant surprise, it worked! I got my much needed dollars! It was like oxygen for me! There after I became much relaxed (after having sufficient currency in my pocket), with sigh of relief.

I had no papers to present today. Inaugural speech and a few others' papers were presented. Then they took us for an industrial visit. Our group went to the famous **3M Innovation Centre**, for which I was eagerly waiting for. Road travel (for 240 km) and industry visit, both were quite enjoyable. Company executives explained us about the uniqueness of their (hundreds of) innovative products.

After our return, most of the delegates went to the Mall of America (Said to be the biggest mall of USA). However, I stayed back in hotel. There was an entry fee of \$30 USD for that. I checked net, wrote mails, from my hotel room.

**4<sup>th</sup> Oct.:** My first research paper was scheduled for presentation, today. It went on very well. I interacted with a few foreign delegates. Called Mita in the evening (which was early morning in India). Per minute call cost was 19 \$;bit costly, but it was necessary. I could not sleep well at night. So, I prepared for the second paper presentation.

**5<sup>th</sup> Oct.:** My second paper presentation (on Media Industry of Odisha) was in the morning.

Then, as per the plan, I (along with Prof. Upinder Dhar) went to St. Cloud State University (SCSU) by a car (with two student volunteers as escorts). 120 km drive on the beautifully landscaped American roads was enjoyable. On our way, we stopped and shopped at a Mall. Then reached SCSU by 2pm. University campus was situated on the bank of river Mississippi; Campus was really beautiful. Their provost, Prof. D. Malhotra (Indian origin) gave us some quality time. One Prof. Latha Ramakrishnan took us around the campus. Then Arta Ratha (younger brother of Dillip) took us to his residence. He has married to an American girl. Blessed with two daughters. His bungalow type house was very attractive. They treated us very well, with high tea. I returned his \$305, which I had owed. Then we came back to our hotel, by late evening. Though the day was quite hectic, still I could not sleep again in the night. Hardly, I could manage to sleep only for 2 hours.

**6<sup>th</sup> (Sunday). Return journey.** Got up early in the morning. Although, there was free breakfast in the hotel, available for us after 7 am, I was somehow feeling very anxious to return early; so left hotel by 7 am (without breakfast), for Minneapolis airport. Hotel van dropped me at MN airport. After getting the boarding pass and security check, I waited there in the lobby & checked internet, emails. Left Minneapolis airport at 9.30 am, reached Chicago by 11 am. Got my connecting flight for Delhi at 12:30 noon. There was a huge rush at airport, with all Indian passengers having heavy baggage/ luggage. When we left Chicago, it was already 7<sup>th</sup> October, in India.

**7<sup>th</sup> Oct. (Monday).** After a tiring nonstop air travel of 15 hours, we reached Delhi at 3.30pm. Next flight was actually at 6.30pm. Then, it got changed to 7 pm. When the flight was about to take off, one passenger had serious health problem; so the flight had to return back (from mid runway, to the bay) to drop back that ailing passenger. So again, it was delayed by 1 more hour. Finally, it reached BBSR by 10 PM. I had asked Satya nana to come to airport, to receive me. He dropped me at Rabindra Mandap. Then I took an auto up to our residence (Patia). Reached home at 10:40 pm; took rest, after dinner.

**12<sup>th</sup> (Oct):** Forecast for Super Cyclone in Odisha, in the next 2 days. Held meeting with Kanan Tower Society members. Continuous rain started, with stormy wind; and there is no electricity. All in the state are in intense anxiety; Cyclone (Philin) to hit Odisha Coast tonight! We had society meeting in our flat/ apartment. Vegetable rates went up (potato price increased four times to Rs 40/kg).

Next day, super cyclone (Philin) damaged Odisha coast, severely!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.:** Deepavali/ Sunday: Mr. Raghunandan Muni (Ex. Engg) had arranged for us a new Tavera car to visit Salia-dam (at Banapur). Prafulla bhai & Kanan Apa decided not to join us, at the last moment. So, we invited Bimba Kaka & Khudi to join us. Bally was all with us. Seven of us enjoyed the road journey (on NH-5, upto Banpur). First, we visited Maa Bhagabati Temple. Then went to Salia dam, which is 12 Km away from Banpur. Had tea and

snacks there. Took photo - Driver Kulamani was good. Then we all returned. On our way, we had our lunch in a hotel, at Barunei Dhaba. Silu paid the bill. Then we all went to Bimba Kaka's new fiat (near Khandagiri). Next, we visited Bobby- Jully (their newly opened Ayurvedic Hospital at Pokhariput). Returned home at around 3pm. Celebrated Deepavali together. Silu and Bally were with us.

**12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2013:** Mita went to Tarapi for Laxmi puja manabasha. After Laxmi puja (manabashaa) Nana bapa (my paternal uncle) passed away, in late night. I got a call in early morning. I went to Tarapi by scooty, next morning. Satya nana joined me. Cremation done, at Tarapi.

**29<sup>th</sup> (Sunday).** Updated (uploaded my research papers in) Research-Gate website for first time, which highlights (and gives prominence to research paper publications). I found it to be interesting, useful. Got some initial recognition, for the first time, today. They provide some Score/ rating/ ranking to each member.

**31<sup>st</sup>:** Last working day of 2013, ended with staff meeting of KIT University, addressed by founder, in main auditorium. One abstract (with Manoj Behera) finalised and submitted. Year ended, probably much peacefully with some academic achievement. USA visit should be most memorable event of 2013.

## **2014**

### **25<sup>th</sup> January**

Annual function of Commerce Association of Science-College, **Hinjilicut** (in Ganjam, Odisha) on Dt.25.01.2014. The college is celebrating its Golden Jubilee year.

Got up early in the morning; reached BBSR rly Station (by auto) before 6 AM. Got Chennai mail on time and reached BAM by 9.10 am. Prafultha Rath (Niru's friend & Commerce Lecturer at Hinjili College) received me from station. We first took breakfast at Nandan Hotel (along with Prof. Kishore Rout, of BU Commerce Dept.), then proceeded for Hinjili. Reached there by in 11 am. I was the Chief Speaker for the Commerce Annual function of Hinjilicut Science College. Function got over by 1.30 pm. Then we had lunch at Hinjili IB. IB was well maintained, as CM-Odisha stays here, whenever he visits his (Hinjili) constituency. Principal of College, Dr. Dharma Rao, was really a very nice person. Enjoyed their warm hospitality. I returned to BAM station by 4 pm; got a train for BBSR immediately, and reached my KT Apartment, BBSR residence by 8 PM.





Sitting from L-to-R: Dr. Rao (College Principal), Dr. Kishore Ch Rout (Prof. & Head, PG Dept. of Commerce, Berhampur University), Prof. RN Subudhi (KIIT University Bhubaneswar) and Commerce Association Secretary of the college.

**3.2.14:** Organized one ORSI Bhubaneswar chapter meeting in KIIT campus, where Prof. A Tripathy, J Sarangi, Pradip Tripathy, Pravat Sarangi and a few others attended. It is proposed to have a conference very soon.

**7<sup>th</sup> Feb.:** Deposited arrear income tax (which was assessed with penal interest by ITO BBSR, on BU arrear salary) of Rs. 3 lakh, at SBI main branch BBSR.

**8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday):** Bapi (son of Sanju-Babuli of Taldih, Kuhudi) is getting married. We went by car; first to our village and then went to Taldih with Bou. I had to join his marriage procession (baraat) at Malipada. Came to Malipada, with our luggage/ belongings, so that we could return directly from Malipada to BBSR. Took rest at Benu kaka's house that night. Next morning, we returned to BBSR.

**16<sup>th</sup> Feb.:** KIIT University celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> foundation day, with invited lecture by Prof. Jean Marie Lehn (Nobel Prize winner). It was impressive. I enjoyed.

**21<sup>st</sup> Feb.:** National Management Convention (NMC) organized by KSoM.



I chaired one session of conclave (NMC).

**7.3.14** (Friday): Invitation from Utkal University Statistics department, as a resource person for their refresher course. Prof. Pradip Tripathy is now the Head; he had invited me.

**18.4.14:** Invitation from Sambalpur University (SU), by Prof. Padma Gahan, Director, Academic Staff College (ASC), as resource person for their Refresher Course. I have two sessions on SPSS data Analysis.

19<sup>th</sup> April: Reached Sambalpur station, early in the morning. Vehicle was arranged by SU to receive me. I reached SU guesthouse by 6 am. Prof. Padma Gahan wanted me to take both (two) sessions back to back that day.

Though I was tired, my sessions on SPSS were very much satisfactory.



I wanted to return next morning by train. But wanted to buy a good Sambalpuri saree for Mita. Took help of Rajashri Gouwd's elder sister. Her husband was Statistics professor of SU. I knew both of them. They arranged university car and we went to Baragarh weaver's society shops that evening. She selected a good saree. Returned late evening. I had dinner and took rest in SU guesthouse.

Next morning (on 20<sup>th</sup>), I returned to BBSR.

**2.5.14:** Jhia (my sister) came with her family. Juhi had taken admission at Sai International school (for 11<sup>th</sup>). Juhi went to her school, by school bus from our apartment. Her first day at Sai Int. School. Pressure of work is now more on Mita.

**16.5.14:** Invitation from Ravenshaw University to attend syllabus revision seminar, invited by VC. Today, parliament election result got declared. BJP won at centre, BJD at state, with clear majority.

17<sup>th</sup>: Second day of Ravenshaw seminar. Today I took Mita and Mama in my car to Cuttack. They visited a few places, and then they returned with me.

18<sup>th</sup>: Our high school friend Balaram Taras lost his wife. Me, Pran Nath Pradhan & Pramod Baral went to Kuhudi to meet him.

**11.6.14:** We travelled to Bangalore by special superfast train from Bhubaneswar (at 11 PM).

**12<sup>th</sup> June:** Reached Bangalore by 11 PM; Silu was waiting to receive us from station.

**13<sup>th</sup>:** Local sight seeing at Bangalore, with family. Visited Lipi's residence.



**14<sup>th</sup>:** Visit to Mysore by car. First visited Srirangapatnam, where we saw Tipu's tomb (gumbaz). Then we visited Ranganathitlu bird sanctuary. Next we went to visit Mysore palace. We were all tired. Returned by evening, from Mysore, reached Silu's Bangalore residence by 10.45 pm. All were tired.

**15<sup>th</sup>:** Took rest. During afternoon, we all visited White-field Satya Sai ashram. Visited Phoenix Mall.

**16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>:** Returned to BBSR by train.

**13<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 (Sunday):**

Bou came from village (by DMU, at 10 am). Soumya Panda's Parents (Prof. Bijaya Panda of BU & his wife) also came (to meet Soumya). I packed up for my tour; went to railway station by 11:30 am, got Neelachal Exp. on time.

**14<sup>th</sup> Monday: Visit to AMU Aligarh**

Train was late by over 2 hours. But all arrangement was made by Prof. Bader to receive me. Reached AMU (Aligarh) guesthouse by 10 pm. Had my dinner and took rest. My new Tata-photon (data – card) was working well. So I could connect to others, through internet.



**15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday:** Had my morning walk in the park of AMU. I had 2 sessions for the UGC refresher course of AMU. It went on well. AMU reimbursed all my

expenses. Next day I had to leave Aligarh early in the morning for Delhi. I had a ticket for Garib Ratha (at 6 am).

**16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday:** Driver dropped me at Aligarh station in time. But train was very late. It came after 3hrs. I was in tense; wait was painful. That train (Garib Ratha upto Anand Vihar terminal of Delhi) was delayed further enroute. I was really under tremendous tension. It reached Anand Vihar close to 11:40; I virtually ran for a taxi near station. One cab some how dropped me at airport just in time. But, wrongly (due to my mistake) I got down at T-3; but I had the flight at T1. Then took another taxi to reach there. Luckily, boarding pass and security check was done in time. I finally boarded the Indigo flight for Coimbatore at 2 pm.

Flight reached Coimbatore in time at 5 pm. My host Prof. Muthuvelyatham of Anna University, (Coimbatore campus) received me from airport. I was put in a very decent hotel (Alankar –Grande). Stay was very comfortable.



**17<sup>th</sup> Thursday:** Ph.D. Viva of Mr. Krishna Mohan held in AU Research Centre PSGIM director (Prof. Nandagopal) was the other expert. In the evening I invited my old colleague Prof. Annadurai (of VIT), who is from Coimbatore, to my hotel. All of us went to a temple, then we had our dinner together in our hotel.



**18<sup>th</sup> Friday:** My flight (for BBSR) was at 2 pm. So in the morning, Dr. Muthu took me to two more temples (Theni Tirumala and one more). I was bit tired.



We left hotel at 1 pm. Flight was delayed / re – scheduled by 45 min. It was raining. Got an auto, reached KT residence at 9 pm. Took rest.

Top Maoist Sabyasachi Panda was arrested from Brahmapur town.

**18<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 (Monday):** When I was taking class got a call from Harash Khudi that Kanduri dada (uncle) had passed away. We rushed to the hospital. Babuli (their younger son) came from Bangalore first. Then Jitu (elder son) came from Hyderabad in the evening. We had taken the body to Puri (Swargadwara). Cremation got over by 11 pm. Left Puri after 12-midnight (after taking bath in Narendra Puskarini/ Pokhari). Jhia / Rabi had arranged packet – snacks (puri – dalma). Reached home at 2 am. Satya nana as others had gone there.

## September 2014

8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>: Usual classes. Set question papers for mid-sem exam. Cricket matches at KSoM, KCL by all students. I participated and enjoyed. There was one ‘Fan of the match’ incentive introduced by students, which I got (a souvenir bat).



**4.10.2014:** Visited INS (Naval Training centre) Chilka, invited/ arranged by my KSoM MBA student Naveen Kansy. His father was serving their as a trainer. Naveen’s parents were very nice persons, hospitality was really unforgettable. They had gifted me spices from INS canteen. Visited campus.



## 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014 (Sunday):

Cold wave started in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Prof. Badar (from AMU) arrived by flight; received him from airport at 7:30 pm. Jiten Ram was there at airport with me. Very brief drizzle. Completed MBA question paper setting.

27<sup>th</sup> (Monday): I took my class early, during 9-10. Then the viva for **Jiten Ram’s Ph.D.** degree took place (along with another scholar, Mr. Salila k. Patnaik). Prof. Badar was the examiner. It went off well. We had common lunch, hosted by both the scholars. In the evening, I took Prof. Badar around, in the city. He is to leave next morning.





Prof. Badar Alam (of AMU) with my scholar, Jitendra Kumar Ram

## November 2014

**8<sup>th</sup> Nov. (Saturday):** Convocation of KIIT University (10<sup>th</sup>) held this time in campus – 3 OAT. Nobel Laureates Prof. Ferid Murad was chief guest. Sitakant Mahapatra, Rajiv Biswal and Sonal Mansigh got honorary D.Litt. Jiten Ram, Amiya Sahu, Salil Patnaik, Sonali and others received their Ph.D. degree. Many passed-out MBA students came to receive degrees. I attended for first half. Then took class. There was a brief interaction session with last year MBA students.

**18<sup>th</sup> Nov. (Tuesday):** As planned we (Braja Kar, Subrat Sarangi & Prof. S. Nanda) went to Vanivihar to attend the national workshop organised by Dept. of statistics, Utkal University (Pradip Tripathy). I had the chance of sitting dais along with VC (Prof. A. Dash) and Prof. Arabinda Tripathy (my guide). Prof. Venkatraman from Bangalore University attended as guest. We then conducted there OSRI – meet. Prof. J. Sarangi was present. All elected me unanimously, as the President of ORSI Bhubaneswar Chapter. Kartik Panda, Pravat Sarangi, Kunja Panda and others were present.

Returned home before 7 PM.





## December 2014

**16<sup>th</sup> Dec.:** With consent of KIIT Registrar (Prof. Sasmita Samanta) applied for bank account for ORSI at Bank of India, KIIT Branch, where Choudhury babu (of Kanan Vihar) is BM. Braja Kar is treasurer and Tapan Lenka is secretary of ORSI. Tapan Lenka could not come for signature. I am chapter President. We have received formal recognition/ permission from ORSI headquarters.



**28<sup>th</sup>:** Global Odia Conclave by OWB (Odisha without boarder) (Asima Odisha) group held in KSoM Campus. Mr. Dilip Ratha came from USA to attend. Kaustubha (Chandan), Fakir (Nahak), Nilambar Rath and few others were there. Returned from KIIT by 5:30 pm.



Bou had come in the morning. We all attended Behera babu (of KTA)'s dinner, hosted for his daughters. Mama and Soumya went to KIIT to attend dinner party.

**Year – 2014** was mostly peaceful and eventful for me. Social activities (at KTA), Research and academic networking activities (for ORSI) and official networking activities were all good and rewarding. Khandagiri–(Patnaik) brothers finally returned major amount of the advance, which they had taken, 4 years back.

**2015: 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2015 (Sunday):** Working day for us. Statistics dept. (Utkal) alumni meet was organised in a big formal way, inaugurated by VC (Utkal). So many senior batch students attended. I stayed up to 4 pm then came back.



## February - 2015

**6<sup>th</sup> (Friday):** Rupak's marriage in a village near Nirakarpur station. I went with Bimba Kaka (via – Prafulla Bhai's residence and took Kanan Apa). Reached Malipada by 11:30 am. Sudhir, Bhima nana, Badal nana and others were there. We left Malipada at 1:30 pm. Rupak/ Dipu had arranged one bus and two more 4-wheelers. Reached (Baku) village at 2:30 pm. After lunch, we (Bimba kaka and Prafulla Bhai) came first. Dropped Kanan Apa at Khurdha and we returned to BBSR (by 6 PM).

**15<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** Left for Chennai by Indigo Flight. Went to airport by city bus. Flight was on time. Indo – Pak cricket match was being telecast live. Passengers were watching it in airport. Flight left by 2 pm, reached Chennai (via –Vizag) at 4:30. Prof. Suganthi had arranged to receive me from airport. Stayed in Anna University, alumni guest house. All arrangements were made for Ph.D. viva scholar Jessie Latha.





**16<sup>th</sup> (Monday):** Early morning, had a walk inside university campus. I went to management department by 10:30 am. Prof. Suganthi introduced me to other examiner Dr. James from VIT and their HoD Dr. Rajendar. Viva started at 11 am. It was conducted very decently. Scholar Jessi Latha's husband (an industrialist) had made all the arrangements (for common lunch). Sightseeing and a good dinner in a star hotel. We went to St. George fort of Chennai where British (East-India Company) headquarter was there. Saw Robert Clive's (the then) house and museum, there. Returned to guesthouse by 9 pm. Took rest.



## March 2015

**16<sup>th</sup> (Monday):** Went first to DAV school campus – 2 to drop Mita and then picked up Subrat Sarangi from KSoM. We went to Ravenshaw College, Cuttack by my car. Reached there by 10 am. Prof. Arabinda Tripathy had already reached there. We met the new VC, Prof. Prakash Sarangi and then we all went to dept. of commerce dept. of Ravenshaw, where the workshop was arranged. Workshop was conducted successfully. I was a speaker Pravat had arranged lunch in a good hotel. Then after a brief meeting of ‘ORSI – Chapter’, we all returned.

**20<sup>th</sup> May 2015:** Went to BBSR railway station by auto and boarded intercity exp. in time. Reached Kendujhar by 1 pm. Jagadish Badapanda had arranged to receive me from the previous station, (Narendrapur). I joined his ‘baraat’ in time. I had asked Dipu (Son of Dali-Deba) to join me. They had arranged marriage procession in a grand way. His father-in-law was a contractor; venue was decorated in a very grand way. Lunch was lavish. Jagadish had arranged hotel accommodation for me, in Hotel Pritam. Took rest and their joined the reception dinner. Dipu and Mamali also joined me.



**21<sup>st</sup>:** Checked out from hotel at 9:30 am. Dali, Dipu & Mamali came in a car and took me to take a round of the city and Sana-Ghagra waterfall. Also visited Sidhi-Matha, Jagannath Temple. Had lunch at Dali's Residence. Dipu

dropped me at Kendujhar Railway Station. Train was late by 30/40 min. Left Kendujhar at 2:30 pm, reached BBSR at 6:45 pm. Journey was safe and comfortable.

## June 2015

**2<sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday; Deva snana Purnima):** I was invited by Management dept. of CV Raman Eng. College to address their FDP as Resource Person. They received me at 10 am. Had a 2 hours session. Returned after Lunch. It was very hot outside. After 1 hour rest, then went to Prof. J Sarangi's residence (Braja Kar dropped me there). Two other senior alumni of Utkal University Statistics dept. were there (Mr. Lokanath Sarangi and Mr. Bansidhar Mahapatra). There was a brief discussion on how to formalise and plan activities for alumni association. Later visited the residence of Mr. Lokanath Sarangi (Near Rajmahal) and we created a "Facebook Group" for Statistics Alumni Association".

**5<sup>th</sup> (Friday):** Went to passport office for Mita and Mama. Luckily the applications were accepted, after due verification of their certificates. Police verification is to be done. In the evening went to Hotel Mayfair, to attend the first ever IIM-A alumni meet for Odisha Chapter. Fresh Batch students Uday Kejriwal and one senior alumni, Dr. Jagdish Rout took the initiative. From KSoM, Anil Bajpai, Asutosh Kar and Jogendra Behera also attended the meet. Very senior alumni (from as old as from 1971, 72 batches) also attended.



## Australia visit (July 2015)

**5<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** Packed everything for my Australia Visit. Mita had prepared good lunch. Mama prepared a cake for me. Took 2<sup>nd</sup> meal at 4:30 pm again. Then Mama dropped me at BBSR airport. It is first time that Mama went to a far-off place by scooty (with responsibility of dropping at airport). Indigo flight to Kolkata (at 7 pm) was on time. Reached Kolkata before 8 pm. Immigration and security check was done for my international flight (by Silk Air, upto Singapore). Had to wait there (at Kolkata) for 2 hours. Boarded Silk Air at 11 pm.



**6<sup>th</sup> (Monday):** Reached Singapore next morning by 7 am. (2 hours added in actual spent time, with travel time). Singapore is celebrating its 50 years of independence. Provision was there for a free city tour. Travelled to city by their bus, during 10:00 – 1:00 pm. Had a very good sight-seeing of important places of Singapore main city. Then came back again to airport. Changi airport was also giving the travelers free voucher of 20 + 20 = 40 dollar CDV (Changi Dollar Voucher), which is to be used only inside the airport. First 20 dollar used for my lunch. I foolishly wasted that money as I couldn't eat 50 % of what I ordered. Anyway, I had a very long waiting period there inside Changi international airport (for 15 hours). Airport is very big, with all facilities, so that one is never ever bored. Free net facility for 8 hours, was really a big help (to pass time). I was able to be in touch with my family.

Again at night (9 pm), boarded another Singapore Air flight for Adelaide at 7 am, morning. Drizzle, cold wind welcomed me. I purchased immediately a Metro - card by paying 25 (Australian) dollars. Boarded a bus, whose driver was a (very polite) Sikh/Indian. He guided me, where to get down.

Reached directly the conference (ICAS-9) venue, (ACC: Adelaide Convention Centre) by 9 am. Got fresh, changed my dress there at venue, and got the registration kit. I was bit hungry. Morning Tea (with snacks) was ready. Met a few delegates from India and abroad, there.

Waited there until lunch and then till afternoon tea. Then I walked around the venue, situated on a lovely locality, lovely green environment. A small river was dividing ACC (Adelaide Convention Centre) on one side and the Adelaide Oval (cricket stadium) on the other side. Huge park, green and clean, attractive foot over bridge to reach the other side. Visited stadium; enjoyed river – cruise – ship (at a fee of \$10). Took a few snaps, and immediately uploaded on FB. There was free network access (thanks to high speed Wi-Fi). I was damn tired; returned to my hotel (Break – free Director's studio apartment; an un-serviced apartment accommodation) in Gorger street, close to Victoria Square (Heart of Adelaide). Meeting with Governor, with formal invitation/ pass, was really a new kind of experience for me, that evening. Governor and his wife talked to each one of us, during high tea, hosted by them. Hotel accommodation experience was unique, as you yourself have to find (get into) the hotel room without help, and all other facilities. I could sleep well that night, as I was damn tired, after long journey.

**8<sup>th</sup> July:** Prepared my ppt for my presentation. Then wanted to enjoy morning-city-tour, all alone, in a tram. Went to Adelaide sea shore. Walked a bit, enjoyed the clean green environment. People are very polite and cooperative. Came back to ACC; had morning tea and then had my quick lunch. Soon after lunch, I had my presentation session. In my session, 2 from New Zealand and 2 from India (including me) were there. Presentation was good (quite satisfactory). Then moved around checked mails. Interacted with few delegates. Confirmed (by mail) to Adelaide University regarding my (pre-arranged, formal) visit for tomorrow. Came back to hotel room in evening. But could not sleep. May be

Jet-lag effect or anxiety. Meeting with SA (Adelaide) premier (PM) was memorable. Very simple and unassuming (without any bodyguards or police).

9<sup>th</sup> July: Travelled by tram, enjoyed city ride. Enquired about the location of Adelaide University. Then after lunch went to Adelaide University by walking. Ms. Irish (their P.R.O) received me and escorted me to faculty of Business & Eco, in another building. Meeting was very brief and too formal, It appeared, as if they were not impressed (about my organisation's stature/reputation, for any possible academic collaboration). They gave me a small token gift.

After that, I returned to my hotel. On my way, had a very simple dinner (at a cost of AUS \$12) in a Chinese restaurant. Had rice and chicken. Again I could not sleep well at night. Packed carefully everything as I have to leave Adelaide early in the morning, could sleep only for two hours, with much difficulty.

**10<sup>th</sup> July:** Got up early, took bath, checked out from hotel. It was drizzling outside (very mildly). I walked down to bus stop (1 k.m. from hotel), waited first for 30 min. for exp. bus. But, then decided to go by taxi to airport (\$20), as it was risky to wait further. Reached Adelaide airport on time. Immediately boarding – pass and security check was done in 30 minutes. Got my Singapore flight at 9 am. Reached Singapore after 6 hrs. I had more than 5 hrs at hand, before Kolkata Flight. Passed time there in airport, using free net access (for 8 hrs) was a good advantage. Managed with biscuits, what I had with me. Entered Kolkata bound flight at 8 pm.

Experience so far is so nice and hassle free. Landed at Kolkata airport by 11 pm. Waiting place was bit inconvenient, there. Could not sleep, at all.

**11<sup>th</sup> July:** Connecting flight for BBSR was at 5:30 am. At 4:30 am we got boarding pass. It was drizzling slightly. Reached BBSR by 7 am. Somehow managed to get OLA cab and reached home at 8:30 am. Mita was suffering from cold. It was raining. Today also, MBA–1 program was to be inaugurated. So, I had to go office after lunch, at 2 pm. As per KIIT direction opened bank account in BOI, KIIT Branch. Inauguration got delayed, because of founder's late arrival. I got bored, so came out of auditorium. Returned home took rest.

**October-2015:5<sup>th</sup> (Mon):** Ph.D. viva for my PhD scholar (and colleague), Brajaballav Kar, was held. Prof. Suganthi from Chennai came as external examiner. Jiten Ram also came to help Braja babu. Viva went on very well. Took external examiner to meet VC. In the afternoon we went to Dhauligiri & Konark with guest. Then finally had dinner at Zaika, Pal Heights.



**7<sup>th</sup> (Wed):** Took presentation class of MBA-1. Got railway ticket printed for our Bangalore visit. Booked Auto to go to railway station. Train (Premium spl is called “Suvidha Exp”) left BBSR at 11 pm.

**8<sup>th</sup> (Thu):** Train Journey was comfortable. Reached Bangalore at 11 pm. Silu had arranged taxi; so reached his residence by 12 am, took dinner in his residence.

**9<sup>th</sup> (Fri):** Took Rest entire day. Silu had his office. In the evening, we all went for a walk to the nearby lake/ garden.

**12<sup>th</sup> (Mon):** We had to return by Prashanti Express at 2 pm from SBC. Took early lunch and went to central-station (SBC) by taxi, pre-booked by Silu. We reached station before time and train left as per schedule at 2 pm. Fellow passengers were good / cordial.

**13<sup>th</sup> (Tue):** Journey looked bit lengthy, but (thank god) it was hassle free. We reached BBSR station at 10 pm; our residence at 11 pm. We cooked food; cleaned house together. Slept after 12 midnight. Next morning I have class at 9:30 a.m.

**22<sup>nd</sup>:** I went to village alone, by DMU. Took rest. Arranged to bring JCB for cleaning of Bushes in jungle. Bou made puja, at village.

**23<sup>rd</sup>:** As arranged, JCB machine came by 7:30 am, reported to me at our orchard/ jungle. Sura Mamu came. Cleaned the middle patch in 3 hours. Stayed for one more hour in Jungle. It was very hot.

After Lunch decided to return. Missed the 2:10 pm train; so waited there up to 5:30, and finally reached BBSR, Patia residence at 8:30 pm. Bit tiring journey, that was.

## **November 2015:**

**10<sup>th</sup>:** In the evening IIM-A Alumni BBSR-chapter inauguration was held in Hotel Mayfair; Prof. Umesh Patnaik and Prof. Prashant Sahoo joined this time. It went on very well. Mr. Jagdish Rout hosted the function (and dinner) in a grand way.



## December 2015:

**17<sup>th</sup>:** The much awaited ORSI conference was inaugurated (in SoA/ ITER campus, main auditorium), decently, with very good attendance. All my academic friends attended and supported me. Bobby Varanasi (from Malaysia) and Dilip Ratha (from US) could not come. But, we got good participation from USA, Australia, IIM – Ahmedabad, IIT Delhi, IIT-Khaagpur, etc. Prof. NRV Prabhu from Chennai came. Mama attended day-1 meet.

There was student paper presentations, where KSoM students got prize. My daughter (Mama) went for light-n-sound program along with delegates. She helped me, by taking care of some of my personal (academic) guests.





**18<sup>th</sup>:** Day-2 of conference was more hectic, but smooth. In AGM, we resolved to hold next convention in Delhi, to be organised by Prof. Gokul Patel of BIMTECH. For 2017 – Golden Jubilee convention, KIIT wanted to apply. Prof. Sudarshan Nanda made a strong bid/ proposal. It was decided to have a KIIT – visit program by ORSI members on 19<sup>th</sup>.

**19<sup>th</sup> :** Last day of convention. During first half, we took the 7-member team to KIIT campus (from SoA campus) and had a formal meeting with (the then) Registrar (Prof. Sasmita Samanta). She felicitated each member with shawl. Then we returned to ITER by 12 noon. For valedictory, SoA University VC attended as chief guest. All guests then left venue, happily, after lunch.

**23<sup>rd</sup> (Wed):** Early in the morning, we left for our village (Tarapi) by car. Gave Bally's documents to her advocate. Reached village by 8:30 am. Preparation for Laxmi Puja (Gurubar Manabasa) started. Mita and Bou worked very hard, till night.

**24<sup>th</sup> (Thu):** Bou and Mita did puja (Manabasa) formalities from 4:30 am. It went on till 4 pm. Jhia and Rabi came for a brief period and left.

**25<sup>th</sup> (Fri):** Went to Kalupada Station, to receive Silu at 6 am. On our way, visited Amin mamu and Bidu apa at Soran. Went to Baradi for fish. Left village after lunch. While returning to our BBSR residence, we could attend 'house warming' of Sanju Apa. We all were damn tired.

**26<sup>th</sup> (Sat):** Attended office. Sulakhsyana didi and her husband (Prof. Sen) from USA visited us, at BBSR. Returned home bit late from office.

**27<sup>th</sup> (Sun):** Went to visit Derras reservoir and Chandaka elephant Sanctuary, with family. Sunny (Prasanjit) Panda also joined us.



Bally is attending Indian Social Sc. Congress conference, at KIIT University. But, She is staying at Khurdha with Mithu.

**2016: 26<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Santa and Sudhir left for Kolkata by morning – train. We dropped them at station. Then, I got ready to attend KIIT – Republic Day (RD) function. This year, RD was celebrated in KIIT Stadium in a big way. I was invited to receive “**Best Teacher award**” of the year on main dais (from Founder Dr Samanta, VC Registrar & Chief Guest for the day). Citation, shawl and a gold medallion given to me and other awardees (from other schools). I felt very happy, contented, as my sincerity was recognized.



**27<sup>th</sup>:** Biswa Behari Das (my PhD scholar) completed all formalities of thesis submission and then, Director cleared 'for formal presentation of thesis, for very next day. We had our lunch outside, (with Braja babu and Biswa babu).

**31<sup>st</sup>:** Mini – Marathon organized by Kalinga TV/ KIIT. I participated in morning (walked for 7 km, from police ground, NALCO to KIIT Stadium). It was a massive rally. In the evening, there was dinner for all KIIT employees with family. Over 5,000 people joined for dinner party.

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> (Wed):** Worked in office up to 1:30 pm, then went to station by car. Boarded Konark Exp. for BAM (kept car in Anupam Bharat office). Prof. Umesh Patnaik went by same train. To attend marriage reception of Ipsita (daughter of Prof. Rudra Mahapatra), at Saradhabali. We decided to stay at night there, at Prakash Mishra's Residence. Met many persons from Saradhabali and many of my Berhampur University colleagues.



**9<sup>th</sup> (Tue):** ORSI AGM was held at Vani Vihar Stat. dept. Same EB got re-elected. Now Dr. Kunja Buhari Panda (present HoD of Utkal University stat. dept.) is the new Gen. Secretary (in place of Tapan Kumar Lenka).

**17<sup>th</sup>:** Normal office work and exam duty. Mama finally got a call from L& T Technology Services, to join on 23<sup>rd</sup>. She is gratefully relieved and now most happy. Her legal bond agreement paper is to be prepared by Mr. CR Patnaik from a Notary. Tickets for Mysore to be purchased.

In the evening of 18<sup>th</sup>, I attended marriage reception of Pranath Pradhan's daughter at hotel Puspak, with my family.

**20<sup>th</sup>:** In the morning Mama and Mita packed all items for our Bangalore, Mysore visit. Mama operated her ATM. I attended office for some time. Journal (Parikalpana) was released/ published, today. It contained one article of Mama (and one by myself). Met Prof. D. K. Tripathy (Pro-VC). Got all documents and tickets printed. Left KSoM before 3:40 pm. Mama and myself, went to railway station by one auto, on time. Durgam Express left BBSR on time at 5 pm. Train was good (with all food arrangements).

**21<sup>st</sup>:** By 5 pm we reached Bangalore (Yaswanthpur station). As per plan, Silu had come to station. We all went to Bus Stand to board a bus for Mysore. The Non-stop bus was good and we reached Mysore before 9 pm. Silu had booked at Tulip-Home-Stay accommodation, in Vijay Nagar area (near Corporation Bank, 10<sup>th</sup> cross). It was very decent and comfortable. Mama stayed with us that night.

**22<sup>nd</sup> (Mon):** We first reached L&T training centre (in Hebbal Industrial area) with Mama's luggage. Accommodation for girls was in 'Sandipani' Guesthouse inside L&T campus. After some waiting (for 1 hour) Mama got her room (#201). A double-bedded AC accommodation. She kept her luggage there. Then we went to SRL-Patho-Lab (near Chitra – Hospital, Mysore railway station road) for mama's test, as required by L&T. There also we faced some initial problem but somehow tests were conducted. We had our lunch at a nearby veg – hotel.

In the evening, we three went to Chamundeswari Temple a top Mysore hills. Mama offered prayers. Returned by 4 pm. Mama stayed in her guesthouse, separately from us, for the first time. Silu and myself came back to Tulip Homestay, at Vijay Nagar.

**23<sup>rd</sup>:** I had my morning walk in the local park of Vijay Nagar, Mysore. We had to check – out of hotel by 12. Mama had certificate verification. So we thought of passing time at a mall. Silu and myself had snacks at KFC and watched a Hindi movie together (Airlift, starring Akshaya Kumar). At 4 pm, we visited L&T campus and met Mama. There was restriction to enter. So, we could talk to Mama near gate, just for 10/15 minutes. We bid farewell and left Mysore by Train. Reached Bangalore at 11 pm. Train was late by 1 hour. Had our dinner. Aditya (Silu's friend) was there. I was tired, so took rest. My ticket (in Howrah AC express) got confirmed.

**24<sup>th</sup>:** Left Silu's residence early, so as to reach Yashwanthpuram by 10 am. Silu had booked cab for me. So till railway station there was no problem. But there was no pantry car in train. I managed somehow, by purchasing from vendors. In the evening there was friction in wheel and brake; so smoke came out. Passengers got panicked; all got down at Guddur Station. Made a ruckus. Train was halted for 3 hours.

**25<sup>th</sup>:** Train got delayed further, now by almost 5 hours. So I extended my leave (CL) by one more day. Asked Sunny to get some food packet from Berhampur. Finally reached BBSR residence at 4 PM. It was very tiring.

**26<sup>th</sup>:** In Morning visited C.E.T – BBSR, as a resource person for their FDP in Res. Methodology. They had arranged transport. Afternoon I had again 2 hour RM class in KSoM for Ph.D scholars.

## **March 2016**

**12<sup>th</sup>:** Mita fell down in bathroom, at around 9 am, got her right – hand dislocated from shoulder. Took her to KIMS immediately (Emergency & then OPD). After X-ray, it was set right by the doctor. She was advised 3 – 4 weeks rest. So, she could not go for her coding work.

**13<sup>th</sup>:** Dr. Manoj Das of IIMT, Gwalior invited me to join him as an examiner for their MBA admission selection test for BBSR Centre, held in hotel New Marion. Had lunch there. Dr. Jayalaxmi Samal was the other examiner.

**20<sup>th</sup>:** Buba's negotiation held at Bhubaneswar Ugratara (Tara dei) temple. I went by car and took Prafulla Bhai from Khurda. While returning, purchased vegetables from Malipada Haat, along with Rupak. Then visited Luna – Tuin's residence at Khurda. Returned to BBSR Residence by 5 PM. It was too hot outside; so journey was bit tiring.

**25<sup>th</sup>–26<sup>th</sup>:** Mita started working at CBSE - coding Project, at DAV School, with shoulder – pain (bandage/ immobiliser used). I have less teaching-work now at KSoM. Concentrated on my research work. Prepared one research paper along with my scholar Prof. Braja Kar.

## **April 2016**

**8<sup>th</sup>:** I booked my tickets for UK, with Mr. Bansidhar Mahapatra. Former BU student (Dr.) A. Stayanarayan died at Asmara (Eritrea, South Africa), in a tragic road accident, there. He was working there as a Lecturer. His body could be brought by his family members after 2 days, with much difficulty. His wife and young daughter were at their in-laws house at AP village/ Bhanjanagar. It is a very sad incident, really. Satya had struggled a lot as a student/ scholar.

## **May 2016**

**5<sup>th</sup>:** Had to go to BAM to attend research methodology workshop, as resource person. This ICSSR funded FDP - workshop was coordinated by Prof. Ratnakar Mishra at NIST. Went with KSoM Director Anil Bajpai. Surya Mishra joined us. We went by KSoM car. Left BBSR at 6 am, reached NIST before 9:30 am. Had snacks at Khallikote. NIST director, Prof. Sangram Mudali, received us. BU – VC, Prof. Deepak Behera was chief guest. Anil Bajpai & Surya left NIST after lunch. I had two post – lunch sessions. It went on well. I was tired. Took rest in hotel (Moon light, in front of Sales Tax office, near Gajapati nagar). Prof. Arun Panda also joined the program.

**6<sup>th</sup> (Friday):** Morning sessions (up to lunch) of FDP – workshop taken by me. Then Sumita Mishra joined for post lunch session. I came back to hotel to take rest. Then we both returned by Prashanti Exp. (at 6:20 from BAM). Reached BBSR at 10 PM.



**28<sup>th</sup>:** Could not get Tatkal tickets even. So, as the last option, booked premium tickets in “Subidha/ Spl” train for Bangalore, at much higher price. Silu booked for us. We had a total of 8 bags. Left home before 10 pm. Train left in time at 11 pm. It was hectic and tiresome journey, because of luggage, carrying up to platform-5.

**29<sup>th</sup>:** Train reached Bangalore (K R Puram Station) by 10:30 pm. Silu (and his friend Gautam) had come to station. After reaching his residence, took dinner at 12:30 midnight.

**30<sup>th</sup>:** First-half took rest. In the evening, we all visited Phoneix Mall, where we met Gouri Panda & his mother (from BAM – Saradhabali). Bou was happy, meeting old friends. Then in the evening Mita Cooked food for all. Silu was recovering from viral fever. Slept after 11pm.



**31<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday):** We all spent time for cooking, for our lunch, at Silu’s place. After food, we went to SBC Bangalore – Central; Silu went for his office (he joined office after 5 days). We had Tipu Exp. for Mysore at 3 pm. But traffic – jam, heavy luggage (and train at platform # 8) made it bit strenuous for me. Weather was pleasant. We reached Mysore by 5:30 pm. Mama came to



station, but we had already left station by an auto. Picked her up half way, to her residence.

After reaching her new apartment (Damden Solarium), we took rest. Took dinner, prepared by Mama. It is a new building, they (Mama + 6 others) were staying in 7<sup>th</sup> floor.



## June 2016

**1<sup>st</sup> (Wed):** I brought breakfast (idly) from outside, for all of us. After breakfast, we arranged a car to visit Srirangapatnam & Balameru (Waterfall), 20 km away from Mysore.



We returned via Infosys office & L&T office. Brought chicken and paneer curry from outside for lunch. After some rest, we all went to Mysore palace by Bus. We were bit late, so day – visit counter was closed. We had to wait for light and sound program in the evening. Bit chill, as we had to sit in open lawn.

Came back by bus; had our dinner in a nearby restaurant, close to Mama's residence. We were bit tired. Booked our return tickets upto Bangalore by Jaipur Exp., next day. We had tickets in connecting train (Prshanti), for Bhubaneswar.

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mama visited her office in the (early) morning for a short period then came back to accompany us up to Mysore station. Uber cab (taxi) was good. Reached Mysore station on time. Train left at 10 am. Now luggage was much less; so now more comfortable. Reached Bangalore – central (SBC) by 1 pm. Had our lunch, there from platform counter. Boarded Prashanti Exp from platform #3. We had luckily a good family as our fellow/ co-passenger. But, Compartment was very shabby and crowded. I had seat in another berth (but in same compartment).

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Second class sleeper in Prashanti was not comfortable, but somehow the journey was hassle free. Reached BBSR station by 9:30 pm and our residence at Patia by 10 pm and had our dinner by 12.

**13- 19 June:** Meeting with Director regarding FDP. Dean and Director to step down. So, bit confusion in KSOM admin. Benu – kaka, Gadaa – nana came separately to invite us for Buba’s marriage with Sipa. Tarapi Daya (Pushi)’s mother (main) expired. I joined back office on 18<sup>th</sup> after 20 days’ vacation leave. VC appointed me as nominee – expert for Ph.D. selection of KSRM & Law School.

**23<sup>rd</sup>:** Early in the morning we left for our village; visited Gadaa nana family at Badapari; dropped Niru & Bou at Malipada, then returned to BBSR residence by 9:30 am. I rushed to office (KSoM) for Ph.D. students PI selection. Had lunch there, at KSoM.

**24<sup>th</sup>:** Marriage of Buba. Went to Malipada at 6 PM. Then went to Badapari/Tangi to join marriage Procession. I was extremely tired. Late night (spicy) dinner led to stomach upset. That night I took rest at Kanan Apa’s residence and then returned to BBSR, next morning. Needed badly some rest.

#### **UK-Visa processing work at Kolkata:**

**1<sup>st</sup> July 2016:** Train reached Howrah on time, by 5 am. Then we (Mr Banshidhar Mohapatra n me) went first to Rail Yatri Nivas for a brief rest of 2 hrs. We got refreshed there. Then we took taxi to UK – Visa centre at Kasaba, Rajdanga (near Acropolis mall). We had sufficient time. Had to wait /sit for two hours near that building. Visa – appointment at 10:30 was smooth and hassle free. Returned to Howrah station by 1 pm. Had lunch; waited in waiting room. Train (Mysore exp.) left Howrah at 4:15 pm; reached BBSR at 11 pm. Both of us (Mr. B. Mahapatra & me) returned by same taxi (from railway station). Mita was waiting. Dinner at 11.30 pm.

**12<sup>th</sup>& 13<sup>th</sup>:** Foundation classes and SIP–Presentation for 2<sup>nd</sup> year MBA students. On Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup>), my scholar Mr. Susan Das’s (PhD) pre–submission was somehow okayed (by Utkal University MBA dept.). I was very much worried about his performance. Academically he is so week.

#### **Prof. Biswa Behari Das PhD viva**

**20<sup>th</sup> July (Wed):** Mr.Jiten Ram reached in the morning. I went to airport by college vehicle to receive Prof. Anand Samuel (VC of VIT University). Jiten joined me at airport. Flight was late by 15 minutes. Took Prof. Samuel first to KIIT Guest House, had tea & snacks and then went to KSoM, where scholars & teachers were waiting for viva. Dean and director were not there. PhD Viva of BB Das went on well. After lunch in guesthouse, I took Prof. Anand Samuel for campus visit. He finally left for airport at 5 pm, same day. Day was bit tiring but satisfying.



**9<sup>th</sup> Aug. (Tue):** Prof. Munish Thakur came from XLRI by train early in the morning. I reached office before 9:30 am, to coordinate the RM – workshop. All arrangements were made nicely by Samabesh Nayak AO of KSoM. VC and two other speakers came by 10 am and we started the program (in KSoM conference hall) on time at 10. It went on very well, up to 1:30. Then we had lunch at KIIT guesthouse, with guests.

I had again my usual class for MBA–1, upto 5:45 pm. Returned home tired at 6:30 pm.

**14<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** Mita and myself, went to village (Tarapi) by train, reached by 12:30 noon. Bou had prepared crab, fish, and other curry. Took rest.

### **Visit to Coimbatore & Tiruchengode to conduct PhD Viva:**

**28<sup>th</sup> Aug. (Sunday):** As planned, Mita & myself got up early in the morning and got ready by 6:30 am to go to airport. Booked Uber cab and reached airport by 7:30 am. Cab – fare/ charges was hardly Rs. 140/-. We had very limited luggage, so check-in was easy and quicker. Waited in the airport (BBSR) for 1 hr. The flight for Coimbatore from BBI (via – Mumbai) left at 8 am and reached destination at 2 pm. It was delayed by 50 minutes, because of heavy rain at Mumbai. At Coimbatore my scholar and host, Mr. Ramesh, was waiting for me with car.

We first had lunch in a South Indian veg hotel and then visited Maruthamalai (kartikeswar) temple, atop a mountain, in the outskirts of Coimbatore town. While coming down the hill, saw Bharatiar University and another Agriculture University. We had to go to Tiruchengode, which is around 130 km from Coimbatore (and 20 km from Erode). It took us 2 and ½ hours to reach Tiruchengode town. We were very tired. Hotel was so so. We brought our dinner to room and slept. Food was not that good, Ramesh (scholar) was equally tired.

**29<sup>th</sup> Aug. (Monday):** We got up early and became ready to go to local temple, Ardhanariswar. Ramesh took us by car. Temple was on hilltop. Famous, well-maintained temple. Had good darshan. Came down, from hill, had breakfast in a good hotel. Then reached KSRCT (college) by 9 am. Viva was organised in MBA dept. HoD/ Director, Prof Lakshmi, arranged it decently. Mita attended the meeting. It was over by 11 am. Then we visited Ramesh's family, at their residence; rushed to Coimbatore airport. Again, it took 2 and ½ hours. Boarded flight in time. But, it was delayed by one hour at Mumbai. Reached BBSR residence by 9 pm. Tired; But, the return journey was hassle free.

### **My UK visit (Sept. 2016)**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sept. (Sunday):** Flight for Delhi was at 2 pm. So thought of leaving residence at 12 noon. Dash/ Chiku Babu (KTA flat # 604) offered to drop me and Mr. Banshidhar Mahapara at airport. We reached BBSR airport by 12:30 and luggage clearance and security check, in another 30 minutes. Reached IGI airport Delhi before 5 pm. Mr. Bansidhar Mohapatra was really a very enthusiastic persons, my fellow passenger. We had to wait at Delhi airport for nearly 7 hours, for the connecting flight.

After a wait of 4/5 hours, we then found some minor hick- up, in the form of luggage 'un-traceability'. After a frantic query of 20 /30 minutes, AI staff could finally locate (through net) and made it through to LHR (Heathrow airport, London). Immigration, boarding pass, security check took 1 more hour and then we entered allocated gate, again to wait for 2 more hours. Wait was bit painful but spent time mostly in net and telephone. We were bit anxious. Day/ night passed without any sleep.

**12<sup>th</sup> Midnight:** Boarded airbus AI flight for London at around 2 am as flight left for destination as per schedule, at 2:30 am. And we landed at the 'dreamland' London, early morning (local time), by 7 am. Immigration check had a very long queue. It took almost 1 hour. Luckily, local cab driver (Miren, Gujarati fellow) came in time and was really quite professional. For a 2/3 hours' drive to Leicester, we had to pay 90 pound (almost Rs. 8000). Enjoyed scenic surrounding on our way. Reached university of Leicester (conference venue) by 1 pm. Got our respective room keys of guesthouse room; then rushed to conference registration counter. It looked organised but very very informal (unlike Indian conference), which would look all ceremonial. For lunch, also they were charging fees. It looked bit odd for us (the Indian academic delegates).

Anyway, we had enough stuff, taken from India, to eat. As per our plan, my old student (from BU Berhampur) Mr. Sandip Mohapatra came to receive us by 3:30 pm. He is settled there at Leicester with his family. He had a good house, costly car. He took us first to his house for tea, then took us in his car to nearby town, Birmingham. Visited a Hindu temple (Tirupati Balaji) and then returned back to Leicester, where he treated us in a very good Indian restaurant for dinner. We came back to our university guesthouse by 9 pm.

**13<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday):** Biswa Bihari Das (my PhD scholar & co-author) reached conference venue by 12:30 noon. Here breakfast was very good and free (complimentary). We had heavy breakfast so skipped paid – lunch. Attended some other sessions of conference, interacted with few delegates and conference coordinator; then planned for a city tour by bus. 6 pound ticket for all day tour; so tried to locate first railway station of Leicester town and then moved around the around the town by bus. (three of us). Had some wonderful experience and gained some idea about locations. Returned damn tired, by 8:30/9 pm. Again we thought of avoiding dinner. We did not enjoy the items. Somehow managed with our home made Indian food. Tried to sleep; but the sleep couldn't be sound/proper. Guesthouses were scattered and Independent blocks with auto lock doors everywhere. One can't enter other's room. And mobiles were not working. First 2 nights were really difficult to adjust. Then from the 3<sup>rd</sup> night, I got acquainted. Somehow, I managed to sleep.

**14<sup>th</sup> (Wed):** Today our paper presentation session was in the afternoon. Had very good breakfast (complimentary), attended morning sessions. Again avoided lunch. I prepared for my session and also coordinated with other speakers of my session [Manish Kumar from BHU, BB Das and B Mohapatra]. But to my utter surprise/ dissatisfaction nobody from the Conference organizing team came to us (our hall) or even asked for minimum arrangement. I really didn't like so much of 'informal' attitude of British people/ organisers.

Anyway, I somehow managed in best possible way. In my standard, the session was not so good or impressive as there was no body to appreciate.

This evening there was planned "Gala-dinner" at a different location. We walked down, guided by ourselves, and reached the venue. Even the paid Gala-dinner, we couldn't enjoy. Many items I didn't like at all. There, we had fixed and limited menu. We returned early, somewhat less satisfied. Packed things, as we had to go Scotland next morning by train. First train journey experienced in UK.

**15<sup>th</sup> (Thu):** Had good breakfast, 3 of us, in guesthouse. Also took extra fruits. Then checked out of guesthouse. I tried my ATM card for some pound – currency. We had arranged a cab. The driver was again an Indian (Sardarji). He dropped us at Leicester railway station well in time. BB Das had a different train for London. We left first, by 10:30 am. Train journey experience was good. Changed a train from Derby for Edinburg and reached our dream destination **Scotland** (Edinburgh) by 2:30 pm. There was no mobile connection; but somehow contacted Tattwamasi Babu (by using the mobile of local person). Tattwamasi Babu (and his family) was such a nice person (a gem of a person). He had brought tea and snacks for our refreshment and had already purchased local train tickets for us.

He waited there, outside platform, with our luggage. Mohapatra babu and myself had a quick city tour of Edinburgh; we walked for 2 to 3 hours, visited



Caltron Hill, Edinburg castle, other famous monuments. Tatvamashi Babu was waiting for us with all patience.

Then he took us to Linlithgo (by train), where his friend (Bhola Babu) took us around the palace there. Spent over an hour there. Again Tatvamasi Babu offered snacks. Finally, we reached his house, at **Falkirk**. It was in a newly developed area. His kids were eagerly waiting for us; his wife had cooked delicious Indian food. We had finally home – cooked food of our choice. They offered us 2 big rooms in upstairs, to sleep. A luxurious bungalow type house, well furnished. There was net connectivity; so we could connect/ talk to our families in India. Took good rest, that night.

**16<sup>th</sup> (Fri):** Early in the morning, we got up; and went for morning walk (after tea). It was very cold outside, just 10 degree Fahrenheit. Walked for a while and came back. Took bath, packed thing and had some breakfast. Then Tattvamasi Babu took us, in his car to the nearby town, Stirling. Visited castle and the town, then returned again to his Falkirk house. Tattvamasi Babu's wife, Nini, took all care; she was so courteous, polite and very caring. Gave us lot of food for our return journey and also packets of chocolates. Finally, we left Falkirk, by train, for Edinburg. After a gap of 1 hour, we got our train for **London** at 2 pm. A 5 hours journey. Then we reached London (Kings Cross station) by 7 pm. Somehow, we could locate our hotel (a very small hotel, but very close to station; only 5/7 minutes walk). Though we were tired, thought of walking down London Streets. We visited London Museums (on walk). Because of net connection, I could talk to my other student in London, Ms Payal Mago, who invited both of us to her house, next morning.

**17<sup>th</sup> (Sat):** Payal sent a cab to pick us up, in the morning. We reached his house by 8:30 / 9 am. She is married to a South Indian boy, Mr. Sukan, who was bit shy and reserved natured boy but very decent. They first offered us “aloo paratha” & tea. Then first her husband (Sukan) took us around the area (Greenwich) and river Thames. As we all had oyster card, we were allowed to use/ travel by all public transport (bus, train, tube and rope-way, air-cab). After half an hour travel, Payal joined us with her baby (son, Ayansh). Again, we travelled a lot. Because of their guidance and help we could cover many places (London bridge, London eye, Bigben, Parliament etc.) in optimum time duration. Thought of returning to airport before time. So, Payal arranged lunch for all of us in a good restaurant (so that there is no waste of time for cooking at home). Sukan came with us, upto half the distance, to see us off. Then we boarded metro rail/ tube. Some fellow passengers guided us in time that we had actually boarded a wrong train; so we changed to correct train, which took us to T4 of Heathrow airport.

Immigration, luggage clearance and security check done quickly. Bansidhar Mohapatra was trying seriously for refund of unspent amount in Oyester – card. But, we couldn't.

And finally time came to say good bye to London/ UK and board the AI airbus, which left for Delhi from Heathrow at 9:30 pm.

There was enough learning experience; and again, by God's grace the tour was very much hassle free, comfortable, too.

**18<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** Return flight hospitality was much better (than earlier one). Food/snacks better. We landed at Delhi (IGI) airport at about 10:30 am. Cleared immigration formalities etc. quickly. Then we had a long (tiring) wait period of 7 hours, till the next flight for BBSR. Talked family members; bou was not well; suffering from fever. Mita somehow managed to get medicines, taking help of neighbours (Dash babu, Rath babu & Behera babu).

I reached home by 9:30 pm. Tried to sleep (& take rest) after taking food. Bou had taken medicine.

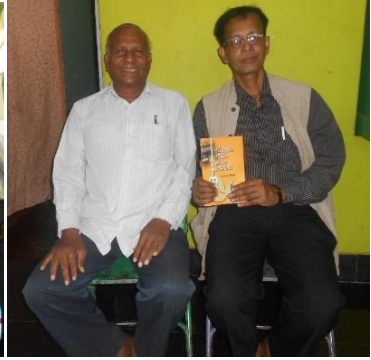
**25<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** Silu left for Delhi and from there, he went to Tokyo, Japan, with Indian team.

## October 2016

**8<sup>th</sup>:** Astami Puja at temples. Holiday starts. Mild rain in the morning. Mita and me, went by car, for a visit to Cuttack. Then drove down to Choudwar and then to Charbatia, where I was reading class-5 , 45 years back (1971-72) in OMP – primary school. OMP/OSAP Campus has now been shifted; so OMP quarters are now abandoned. But the school is taken over by Govt. Visited old quarter and school for a while, with permission from ARC security staff. Returned home via Cuttack & Pahal (had sweets there).

**16<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** Went first to Khurdha (met Kanan Apa, Prafula Bhai) with Mita. Then went to Begunia to attend annual function of Mahila Sahitya Sansad, Begunia, as a guest speaker, with Samarendra Baliarsingh (my former student and a senior journalist). It is again a new experience with literacy community, once again after 10/12 years.





I am chief guest, Mrutyunjaya Rath (Nirakarpur) is chief speaker, local Tahasildar & local MLA (Prasant Jagdev) also attended the function. Many people of Begunia recited their poems. It went on till 4 pm. Then we all had food (late lunch) and returned. Met Sri Satyabadi Baliarsing (F/O Samarendra) at their Khordha residence.

Reached our BBSR residence at 7 PM, very tired (but satisfied). Got 9/10 books as gift and was part of inaugurating a new book.

### **November 2016: Demonetization decision of BJP Govt.**

**8<sup>th</sup>:** A very big news for India; as PM Narendra Modi declared late evening, withdrawal of all Rs. 500/- and Rs.1000/- currency notes (demonetization, from midnight). Shock – wave spread across India as black money and terror funding (including fake currency) had no acceptance (legality) next morning. All accounted funds/ cash to be compulsorily deposited in Bank.

**9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>:** US president election result was declared and surprisingly Donald Trump won, defeating Hillary Clinton (who was expected to win). American Citizens could not accept this and sporadic violence in some parts erupted.

**1<sup>st</sup> December:** (Thursday) Puja (Margashira Gurubaar) by Mita from early (winter) morning. We now have 8am-6 pm 5-day week norm for KIIT employees, starting today. Mita has also prepared lunch pack for me, by 7.30 am.

### **Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: [ORSI sponsored Workshop at NIST Brahmapur]**

Last night I couldn't sleep properly; but, still then, I got up quite early. Worked on computer, finalized my ppt. Called up other ORSI members; as per plan Prabhat Sarangi and Bansidhar Mohapatra took their respective cars, for our Brahmapur visit. Debasish Mohanty had already reached BAM. Then, rest 9 of us (Jiten, Kartik, Kunja, Duryodhan, Jyoti Nayak, Tripathy Sir) left BBSR before 7 am and reached NIST BAM before 10:30 am.

I invited Sunny/ Prasanjit Panda (Anupam Bharat) to attend workshop. Prof. Ratnakar Mishra (coordinator from NIST) had made all the necessary arrangements there nicely. Their director Mr. Sangram Mudali was present, all through. Workshop went on extremely well, beyond my expectations.

Director was happy. Lunch was good. After lunch, Debasish and Arabinda Tripathy Sir first left, by same car. I conducted post lunch session for 1 hour; then closed the workshop with certificate distribution.



We had decided to return to BBSR same evening. So, visited “Sidha Bhairavi” and “Panchamaa Ganesh” temples, while returning. I reached KIIT square at around 10 pm. My car was given at “Sky – auto service centre”, for repairing. It was ready. So collected the same and returned home. By God’s grace, the day was satisfactory. Thank God.

**24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>:** Bally came from Ahmedabad for Professor interview at Sambalpur university. She got selected. So she is now very happy. She left for Tezpur/ Gauhati to attend one (sociology) conference.

I have applied for 5 days’ vacation leave (for year–ending break). However, took one RM Class for Ph.D. Scholars.

## January - 2017

**7<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** Our flight for Bangalore was at 8:30 am. So we left home at 8:30 am. Journey was safe and comfortable. Cab service was also good at Bangalore. We reached Silu’s Residence by ourselves, taking cab. Mama had already arrived from Mysore. Mama prepared fried rice for all of us. Took rest; in the evening we all visited nearby park, for our evening walk.

**8<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** After breakfast, Silu took us towards IIM Bangalore (on Bannerghata Road area). Visited Meenakshi Temple, a nearby mall, and then watched a movie (Jane Bhi Do Yaar), together. Had lunch in a nearby

restaurant. Mita wanted to visit shop /market. Went to MG road, Lalbagh, then returned by metro train. I was tired; so most part, I was sitting. Last night I could not sleep.

**9<sup>th</sup> (Mon):** I went to VIT Vellore by train (from K R Puram station to Katpadi). VIT vehicle received me from station. Visited VIT after 10 years, met old friends, like, Ashok, Murali, Ganesh & Vasumati. PhD viva was for a scholar, named Sagaya Marry (batch mate of Payal Maggo). After Viva, took lunch in guesthouse, then visited VC (Prof. Anand Samuel's) office and a quick tour of entire campus. Train was late by 40 minutes. So reached Bangalore (K R Puram) by 8 Pm. Silu again came to receive me.



Met my former colleagues of VIT (Prof. P Ganeshan & Prof. Murali Manohar)



**10<sup>th</sup>:** In the morning, first Mama left for Mysore. Then we left for airport by 8 am. The cab driver took us in one village (outskirt) road, where we found grapes cultivation. Longer route/ distance, but no traffic. Flight was late by 40 minutes. Luckily, the return journey was also comfortable. Reached BBSR by 2 PM, and our residence by 2:30 pm. We prepared our lunch, both of us, together.



## Family visit to Indore

**29<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** We left by UBER cab early in the morning (our BBSR residence to Indore) for railway station at 6:30 am. Bou and Mita prepared morning snacks/ eatables for train journey. Puri – Valsad weekly exp was on time. But initially we had got into a wrong compartment but then changed (to AB1 to A, for 2<sup>nd</sup> AC, in same compartment. It is 24 hours journey. Train reached 1 hour late, next day.

**30 (Monday):** Niru had came to Ujjain station by his car, with a driver. Ujjain to Indore 1 hr 30 min drive. Reached Niru's residence (Suniket Apartment, Indore) by 1:30 pm. Had lunch by 2 pm.



**31 (Tue):** Took rest. Went to market. Had my morning walk up to Khajrana Ganesh Temple.



## February 2017

**1<sup>st</sup> (Wed):** Driver Narendra took us in his car, to his business office & new project site. Then we had our lunch at his residence. He then took up to Dewas (narby 40 km) temple in the afternoon. Prasanna joined us there. Devi-Ma temple on mountaintop (tikri) was worth seeing. Returned via Niru's Sun Pharma office, from where he joined us.

**2<sup>nd</sup> (Thu):** We went on a long drive (in Niru's Car; driver name: Lav Kush, aka Lav Kumar) to Mandu, a historic town with ruins of historic palaces. It took more than 2 hours to reach there. Spent over 3 hours.



Then, while returning back to Indore, we Visited IIM – Indore (Pritampur Road) on a hill – top. My junior statistics friend Prof. Prabin Panigrahi took us around. Prof. Prabin is doing very well at IIM-I.

We had tea at his residence, and then returned. Visited ‘Nakhrali Dhani’ a model ‘Rajasthani Village’ operating on commercial model, on outskirts of Indore. Entry fee 450/- per person (with food). We (Bou & Mita) were very tired.



3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sami took us around town; had lunch at Khajrana Ganesh temple. (Sat): Niru arranged dinner at a star hotel (Shreemaya) for all of us.

**5<sup>th</sup> (Sun):** Silu's tatkal tickets got wasted; Niru had tickets for Sunday. Left Indore by evening train for Nagpur. Niru – Sami came to drop us, at Indore main railway station.

**6<sup>th</sup> (Mon):** Got LTT express from Nagpur on time, for BBSR. No pantry car. So got something for dinner from 'Kantabanjhi' station. Then, next day morning, we reached our BBSR residence.

**17<sup>th</sup> (Fri):** 'Research Methodology workshop' inaugurated by our director Prof. Anil Bajpai, in LH-13. Good attendance. First session was okay. Post lunch session was not so good by Prof. Atri Sengupta from IIM – Raipur. I got promotion letter from HR dept. of KSoM as senior Professor.



**26<sup>th</sup> (Sun):** I reached KIIT bit early to organize my ORSI conference, as its chapter president. Some MBA-1 students helped me a lot, as they worked sincerely as volunteers for conference. Mr. Rabi N Das (Retd. IAS & Advisor, state planning board) was chief guest. Though the conference started 1 hour late (as VC, registrar came late), but it went on very well, beyond my expectation. It continued until 6 pm. I was really damn tired. But was happy for conference success.





### March 2017 (Ravenshaw Seminar)

**30<sup>th</sup> March (Thur):** As per plan, I left home early by 7:30 am. Then picked up Dr. Jyoti Ranjan Naik, Prof. Tripathy, and Prof. J sarangi from their respective places in my car. Reached Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, on time at 9 am. Had breakfast there. Seminar started almost at 10 am. I was in the plenary session, chaired by Prof. J Sarangi. My presentation (on stock market) was satisfactory. Then we all had lunch. I met Juhi and also introduced her to my friend Prabhat. We left Ravenshaw (soon after the seminar) early. After dropping 3 of them at their respective areas, I reached home at 5 PM.



### April 2017

**3 -16:** BJP – executive meeting held in Bhubaneswar held with much fanfare. PM – Mr. Narendra Modi and other 300 top leaders (including Mr LK Advani, Amit shah, Jogi) came to BBSR for the 2 days’ meet. It was held near hotel Swosti premium (Gandhi maidan).

### May 2017 (Bangalore – Mysore visit)

**10 – 12:** I am on leave. In 12<sup>th</sup> night, left for Mysore with Mama. Could not get AC ticket, though booked tickets before 2 months. Had to travel in sleeper. Previous day Mama and Mita had a minor accident (fell down from scooty near petrol pump). Bou had left for village.

**14<sup>th</sup>:** Early morning we reached Mysore. Took some rest at Mama's residence. Then went to a mall, then to jewelry shop (Thulasi) and to restaurant. Mama came to station to see me off. I left for Bangalore by train. Silu had come to station to receive me. Took rest at Silu's residence.

**15<sup>th</sup>:** Left Silu's residence at 10 am for airport. Flight was at 3:30 pm. In the same flight, Sri Achyuta Samanta was travelling, also to BBSR. Reached home by 6:30 pm.

**26<sup>th</sup>:** Open registration seminar for Bangladeshi Scholar, Omar Faruq held at KSoM, he is doing research under my supervision.

### **June - 2017**

**4<sup>th</sup>:** Finally got acceptance letter from Malasiyan Journal (Petranika JHSS), for publication of our research article. Its editor, Prof. Nayan Kanwal is somehow in good relation. The article was returned to us for revision twice. Its main contributor is Prof. Braja B. Kar.

**14<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday):** We all had to go to 'Bandhapalla', near Chandanpur-Tangi, the new in-law house of Pinki (daughter of Sudam Nana). They had invited all of us for their reception – lunch. We decided to go back to BBSR from there, directly. So packed our things. Went to Tangi UCO bank first, then to Sabita (Biru-sister)'s in-law village (Kukudajhari). Reached Bandhapahala by 2 pm. There was really very nice arrangements made by Pinki's in laws. After lunch, I left for BBSR first.

**27-30 June, 2017:** FDP for all teaching staff of KIIT University. Day – 1 at main auditorium (campus -6) then at KSoM. (VC, Pro – Chancellor, IIT Bhubaneswar Director, Reliance HR President) plus Zubin Mulla (from TISS Mumbai), PKJ Mohapatra, Mythili B (Eco Times writer) and CA Sabat were resource persons for FDP.

On 28<sup>th</sup>, I attended Statistics day at Utkal as a resource person. NSSO & Utkal University had organised this event jointly.

### **July 2017:**

**4 – 7:** MBA-1 students joined KSoM. Orientation & outbound program for new students started. Journal (*Parikalpana*) got UGC approval and it could be released, by founder Dr. Samanta, on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday):** J.H.S. Kuhudi was celebrating 'foundation day' by 'old students association' (OSA). OSA – JHS had invited me as guest speaker. So left BBSR by intercity exp. and reached Kuhudi by 9 am. First visited Sura Mamu. Then reached high school by 10:30 am. Waited till 12 noon. As other guests



came to attend the function. Prof. Jay Krushna Baral (Ex-VC), Bibhuti Bhushan Harichandan (MLA), Hrushi Pradhan, Ashok Jena sir, Santap and others were there. Function went on up to 2 pm then we had lunch. Sarat Mohapatra dropped me at my village.



**14<sup>th</sup>:** Regular class started on Q.T. Director Prof. Anil Bajpai left KSoM, KIIT; New Director, Prof. Debasis Das took over, from today. Dean Prof. Satya Mishra continues, with Dr. Suvakant Mohanty as new the Associate Dean. Founder personally made this announcement and felicitated new Director, on late evening, today.

### **August 2017:**

**13<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** Early morning, I collected copies of Dharitri Newspaper (ଛବିବିନ) special edition, where my interview had come. Posted/circulated in Face Book, twitter and in other social media. Then went to village by car (with Mita), as we had 4 days off. Reached Tarapi by 10 am. Bou felt happy. Showed that Odia newspaper to Bou (mother), Asha and other relatives at village. I felt very happy that day.





**18<sup>th</sup>:** Given matrimonial advertisements, both for Silu and Mama (in paper & website).

**23<sup>rd</sup>:** Bou stayed for a week; then returned (today) to village by train. Mama finally got her transfer order to Bangalore office. She is happy now. Her original plan at BBSR visit is to be changed now. She had to cancel her return ticket. I again booked fresh return ticket by Air Asia. (Rs. 6000/-)

### **October 2017:**

**9<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>:** Took classes at KISS, for B.Com students (statistics subject), total for 6 hours in two Monday's (9<sup>th</sup>& 16<sup>th</sup>). There was salary hike for KIIT employees but expectations are now very high. Mid-sem exam answer sheets evaluated and shown to students. On 11<sup>th</sup>, went to village for dasha-karma of Dama uncle (saanta), stayed in 12<sup>th</sup> also. Satya Nana and we returned together by DMU on 12<sup>th</sup> evening.

**17<sup>th</sup>:** Deepavali Holiday, Founder had sent special gift packet. Sweets and Suiting cloth for taking classes at KISS. But work pressure is now mounting little bit.

### **December 2017:**

**1<sup>st</sup> (Friday):** Subrat Das (F/O Arpita Puja, my MBA student) had asked AEEs Swain babu od Kendrapada to arrange our visit at Bhitarkanika (wild crocodile sanctuary/national park. So we planned our much needed) family outing. Soon after lunch, we all (4 of us) went by car, via Salepur, Kendrapada, Patamundai, Raj Nagar, to Bhitarkanika. From, Kendrapada one JE (Munda babu) ascorted us, and shown the IB (water resources dept.) at Bhitarkanika/Gupti. Reached the place by 5 pm. Had our dinner. Nicely arranged. We were given two decent double bad rooms.

**2<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday):** Early morning, we had our breakfast in IB. Boat was already arranged. Sumanand Ajit were our boatman. We started our much awaited journey in creek/ water way from 8 am. Visited Bagagahan tower, Dangamala museum/ crocodile res/ breeding centre. Then returned to IB by 12 noon. Had our lunch by 1 pm than left IB by 1:30 made brief stopover at Salepur (for Rasagolla), then finally reached BBSR residence by 4:30 pm, comfortably, thanks to nice arrangements.





Then, though tired, we went to visit the family of Mr. Pankaj Pratap Dev (regarding the marriage proposal for Silu). His daughter Allina is B.Tech from ITER and works now with TCS BBSR.

**21<sup>st</sup>:** Met, interacted with famous sports-anchor/ commentator **Harsha Bhogle**, who came to KIIT to address students. He is fellow alumnus of IIM Ahmedabad. I told him about the functioning of our IIM-A Alumni Bhubaneswar chapter.



**24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Sunday:** K.T apartment (KTA) picnic to Chandrabhaga (Konark). I joined K.T.A. families in a bus for Chandrabhaga. Mita preferred not to go. She had gone last year (held at the same place). Arrangements were all good. All enjoyed. Returned to our apartment by 8 pm.

## 2018 January

**19<sup>th</sup>:** Prepared/ packed for Chennai – Bangalore visit. Niru – Sami came to our residence on 19<sup>th</sup> afternoon, as their Mumbai flight got delayed. It was bit cold. So for their changed flight-route (via Bangalore), they took a blanket from us. On travel, they suffered a lot. They had come to attend last (12<sup>th</sup> day) rituals of Sudam Mamu at Tarapi.

After they left for airport (at 8 pm), then we started packing for our Bangalore visit.



**20<sup>th</sup> (Saturday):** Left residence in time, in the morning, and reached BBSR airport. We had 4 full-bags; but had a safe journey. AI flight had breakfast service. So enjoyed. Reached Bangalore, Silu's residence (at Marathali) by 1 pm. Had lunch. Silu had one training. Mama came to us at around 2 pm. Took rest.

**21<sup>st</sup> (Sunday):** We wanted to see a proposal for Mama, at Bangalore. Mr. Debasis sen (from Lahangadi, Gambhari Munda). So we arranged a brief meeting with him at Cubbon's park (Bangalore). He is really a simple, decent boy. Returned to our Bangalore residence by metro.

**22<sup>nd</sup> (Monday):** I had to go to Chennai (by a double decker train, SF) at 3 pm. Reached Chennai by 9 pm. A PhD Scholar (named, Rufus) received me from Chennai station. There was huge traffic congestion; so it took longer to reach University.

**23<sup>rd</sup>:** Ph.D. viva at Anna University went on very well. Prof. Bhushan Sudhakar (my former colleague from VIT) was the other examiner, from Pondicherry University. I returned again by train, at 3 pm. Silu received me from KR Puram station at 10:30 pm. Mita was not feeling well.

**24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>:** Mita suffered from viral fever. We celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> marriage anniversary, with children, at Bangalore. Silu and Mama had brought (nice) cake. Mama was also suffering from cold.

**27<sup>th</sup> (Sat):** Our return flight was at 1 pm. But we left Silu's residence at 8 am. Mama also left for her PG accommodation. She was with us in Silu's residence, during our stay. Reached BBSR airport at 3:30 pm and finally our home by 4:30 pm. We had KIIT-staff dinner. I was feeling very tired; but decided to attend it. It was too cold/ dew in open stadium.

## February 2018

**7<sup>th</sup> (Wed):** Went to Janata High School Kuhuri, as a guest for their 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Function. Went by car, reached in time, Many local political leaders were invited (including MLA, Rajendra Sahu). Lot of money spent for that function. Common lunch, stage arrangements. Parents of students were also invited. Meeting was good.



Then I went to my village. Returned with Bou. She was ready, as per plan. We reached back our BBSR residence by 5:30 pm.



**20<sup>th</sup>:** Decided to sale/ exchange my old Maruti – Zen car and to go for Hyundai Grand i-10. Deposited (differential booking amount of) Rs. 5.05 lakhs through RTGS from my BoI SB account for the car. Agent (name Soumya Khatua), and the exchange Manager Mr. Mohanty coordinated sale/ exchange of Maruti Zen (at 1.25 L) after documentation. In the evening, we had a meeting of founder with MBA -II students at KSoM Lawn.

**21<sup>st</sup>:** Got the delivery of my new car (Grand i10 – sports) from Utkal Hyundai, Patia. Mita joined me to receive the car. We offered puja at Shyamananda Matha (Kalarahanga, Patia).

## March 2018

**4<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** On invitation from Dr. Soumendra Das of AITAM, Tekkali (AP), went by train (Tirupati Exp.) to take 3 sessions on FDP for teachers. Reached Palasa by 4:30 pm. Soumendra received me from station. Reached AITAM guesthouse before 5:30 pm. Small but decent campus. Some how managed to sleep that night (amidst Mosquitos).

**5<sup>th</sup> (Monday):** Holiday for Odisha/ KIIT (Panchayatiraj Divas). So, I spent time for AITAM FDP. After breakfast in guesthouse, went to Mgmt. dept. of AITAM. Its MBA department was a small dept. but the hospitality and care was very nice. Took 2 sessions during pre –lunch sessions and then one more session post lunch. They felicitated me (with shawl and memento), very nicely. Left AITAM Tekkali and Palasa by 4 pm (by Prashanti Exp).



**10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday):** RM - workshop inaugurated by VC, Prof. Hrushikesh Mohanty, in presence of Director and Dean. Prof. Bhaswati Patnaik, Ranjan Bal and Subhasish Ray took next 3 sessions. This workshop was exclusively for the present batch of PhD students.

**11<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** Day-2 of RM workshop. Dr. Prafulla Swain came on time and took 2 sessions on SPSS in our computer lab. He did well and all were happy. Lunch was also good. Post lunch session was taken by Prof. Gouranga Nanda from Ravenshaw University. Finally, Director joined us to distribute certificates to the participants. It ended well.

**12<sup>th</sup> (Monday):** Though working day, decided to go to Kendrapada to attend Ruby's marriage, arranged by Santa – Sudhir (along with Prafula bhai). Reached Kendrapada by 11:40 am. Santa – Sudhir, staying in a hotel room, arranged the marriage for Ruby, who worked for them for the past 10 -12 years. We left Kendrapada by 3:30 pm and Reached BBSR by 5:30 pm.



### Patna Visit (March 2018)

**15<sup>th</sup> (Thursday):** We 3 (Srikanta Das, Aruna Patra & me) reached BBSR station by 6:30 am, by same Cab. Boarded Shatabdi express for Howrah. Breakfast and lunch included in train ticket; so enjoyed the journey. Took a Cab from Howrah to CCU Airport and boarded Spicejet in time. Vijay (conference coordinator) had arranged vehicle to receive us from Patna airport. So reached venue comfortably. We were given 4 independent (decent) rooms in their guest house (free). Had dinner & took rest.

**16<sup>th</sup> March (Friday):** Conference ICBRP – 2018 at CIM – Patna. Prof. Mukund Das (teacher of Sanjay Patra at IRMA) was director. Last night could not sleep properly, because of mosquitos (and as a new place, with pending assignment pressure). Got up early morning. Prepared for my own ppt for paper presentation. Then helped my scholar (Biswojit Swain) for his paper; and also to Prof. Srikant Das. Inauguration was done with less formalities, but decently. Then in next session Biswajit and me were to present our respective paper in same track/ session/ room. Srikant Das was put in another room. Finally, after lunch, I chaired a session with another faculty.

At closing valedictory, I came to know that, my paper was adjudges as **best paper** and received cash award of Rs. 5000/-. So ended with a happier note.



In the evening, we all visited Prof. Bijaya's residence just as a courtesy call, and then returned to CIM guesthouse before 8:30 pm.

**17<sup>th</sup> (Saturday):** We had to return by flight via Bangalore. So soon after breakfast we reached airport (Patna). Return journey was very tedious, as we had to sit in flight for almost  $(2+3) = 5$  hours. Finally reached my residence by 6 pm. Bally had returned from Kerala.

**21<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday):** Attended a seminar valedictory function as guest, in P.J. College of Management in BBSR. Dr. Siba Pr. Mishra (my BU student) is now the principal of that college.

**30<sup>th</sup>:** Went to village by train. I had asked Sura mamu and Sanjay to come. Invited village representatives to come and discuss our village orchard boundary dispute. Discussion was very amicable and satisfactory. I returned immediately to BBSR by Bus.

**15<sup>th</sup> April (Sunday) 2018:** National Seminar at Utkal University Vanivihar statistics dept., jointly organised (ORSI and Utkal). I took Mesele (Ph.D. Scholar from Ethiopia) along with me and reached venue by 9:30 am. My friend from SEBI, Dr. Sarat Mallick came as chief guest. It started bit late but ended well. We had ORSI business session in the afternoon, where election/nominations were made for the new team of ORSI Bhubaneswar. Prof. Srikanta Patnaik is new president and Dr. Mitali Nayak is new secretary (both from ITER, SoA University).

**28<sup>th</sup> (Sat):** Bou came from village by auto; received her from Khandagiri Square. Silu and Mama came by morning flight. Jhia now stays with us with Jojo. Jojo took admission at DAV Chandrasekharapur and his Coaching near our apartment.

**29<sup>th</sup> (Sun):** A proposal (from matrimony contact) came for Mama. Samart Rout (TCS, now in US), son of Prof. Santosh Rout (OUAT) visited our place in the evening. They are yet to confirm.

## **May 2018**

**1<sup>st</sup> (Tue):** I arranged dinner party at KIIT – Residency (guest house) for our family and Alina's family. Bou and Jhia were present. First formal meeting of two families, before Silu's marriage. It went on very well. All were happy.

**27<sup>th</sup> (Sun):** I joined 'Ekamra Walk' at Lingaraj temple. Enjoyed it. It is being organized one NGO, supported by BBSR Municipality. They are taking interested persons on 'heritage (guided) walk', around Lingaraj Temple, Bindusagar, and showing historical monuments. It is a 2-3 hours walk. Dinner at Chiku Das' residence (KT-flat# 604) with 5 other KTA members.

## **June-2018**

Matriculation batch get-together at JHS Kuhudi; over 40 friends attended.



**July 2018**

**15<sup>th</sup>: Silu's Nirbandha:** Mita & myself got ready early; arranged a fruit – basket and Puja – Materials; then drove to venue (Durga Mandir, Bapuji Nagar, Bhubaneswar) by 10 am. Pankaj babu had made all arrangements (of puja & lunch). Niru came from Puri, along with jhia & Rabi. Niru had bought gold necklace (Tanisq) for Allina. Slowly, all relatives of both families arrived. From my village, 23 persons came in three vehicle (omni). Puja & lunch went on well.

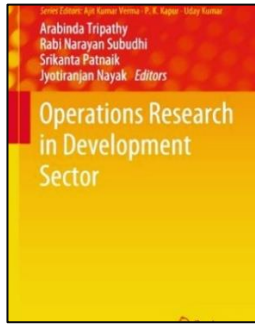
Aug.15: Visited IIMT Kantabad, BBSR as chief guest, for their annual event.



Aug 16: Former PM AB Bajpayee passed away. He was suffering from old age related issues.

**25<sup>th</sup> Aug. Saturday:** Went to Utkal MBA dept. as resource person, for their new batch Ph.D. program, were only 10 students had taken admission. Session went on very well.

**31<sup>st</sup>:** At last **Springer** published OR Conference (edited, jointly with Prof. Tripathy, Srikant Patnaik, and J Naik) book; a great (academic) satisfaction for me.



Today, Silu went for his eye operation at Bangalore. Mama was there with him, during operation. It's a substitute to spect. Today, KIIT made all arrangements to receive sprinter Dutee Chand, who won two silver medals at Asian Games (Indonesia). I stayed back in KIIT campus, after 5 pm (along with Srikant Das). Went to Campus – 10 (KISS) Jagannath Temple. Offered Prayers.

## September 2018

**5.10.18:** Attended Seminar at Mahendra Institute (MIMTS), Bhubaneswar (Pitapalli area) as invited speaker.[With Director Prof. S. Kumar]



**14<sup>th</sup> (Friday):** Samudi Pankaj babu hosted a dinner for all of us, at Hotel New Marion. We first offered prayers at Ram Mandir, with Allina and Silu. Returned home by 10:30 pm.

**23<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday):** AGM of KTA society held. Jhilmili Patnaik is now our new secretary, Priya is our Joint secretary. Others just got re-elected/ nominated. Common lunch for KTA owners in our community Hall. AGM ended at 3 pm.

## October 2018



**14<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** Went to Cuttack (with Bou and Mita) in the morning to buy saree from Sankar Saree House (located at Pithapur Road, Dolamundai), owned by my friend Dibakar Behera. Around 40 sarees (+Dhoti) worth Rs. 19,000 purchased. We returned by 12:30 noon. I then attended KT–EB meeting in our apartment.

**26<sup>th</sup> (Friday):** Bou arranged formal wedding ritual of “ଧାରଣକୁଳ” at our village, where, seven ladies would grind turmeric, paddy and biri (ବିରି). Coincidentally, Allina’s family also did their ଅନକୁଳ (ଯାଇରଗଡ଼ା) today.



**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** We (myself and Mita) went to Puri; early morning by car. Offered 1<sup>st</sup> invitation card to Sri Lord Jagannath. Also met families of Sankar Mangaraj and Laxmi Chhotray (of my village who stay at Puri). Returned to BBSR residence by 4 pm.



## December 2018

**1<sup>st</sup> (Saturday):** Minimum decoration, lighting done at our K.T. Apartment residence, for Silu’s marriage. (Badal) Nana – Nuabou came from Talcher. Tiffin brought from outside in the morning for all of us. All other arrangements made for Silu’s marriage. Pankaj babu family is in regular touch for arrangements made at their end, at hotel Kalinga Ashok.

**Silu’s Marriage (December 2018):**

**2<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday):** Mita made early Puja. Fresh flowers brought for decoration. Rabi made banner and stickers for marriage procession. Lunch was arranged by us, for 100 persons in community hall, supplied from KIIT @ Rs 150. It was really good. Arun Panda, Sushant Baral came early from Berhampur University. Mangal done timely. Puja was made at Kanakeswar temple. All relatives assembled.

We were all ready for procession at 7 pm for BMC office square near Kalpana – BJB College road. We started at 8 pm (after snacks arranged by Pankaj Babu) and reached hotel venue before 10 pm. We were 100 member. Arrangements were good. Marriage was held by, God's grace, very nicely. Many of my close relatives and friends attended.

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** We left hotel Kalinga Ashoka with bride (Allina) early morning. Reached our residence by 4:30 am.

**4<sup>th</sup>:** All arrangements made for son's wedding reception (at Angan main hall, Patia, Bhubaneswar).

**5<sup>th</sup>:** Reception at Angan Convention in the evening. Arrangement was really good, satisfactory, by God's grace. Most of the invitees came to attend, including 50 persons from village and Kuhudi in a bus (arranged by me).

## **January 2019**

**27<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** Left for Tarapi, by car, in the morning. Reached by 11 am. Biru and others had started preparation for cooking. Then I decided to take Allina to visit Chilika lake (with Asha, Sanju, Dipu and Neha) in a motor boat. We went to 'Kankan Sikhari', so got very late. Around 400 people attended (ate) feast/ dinner, arranged/ given by us. It was over by 10:30 / 11:00 pm. We all were tired.



**28<sup>th</sup> :** Morning cleaning work was over by 7:30 am. Then we had to come back as Allina and my self had to attend our office work. We reached BBSR by 11 am. Allina joined her (TCS) office.

## **Nepal (Kathmandu visit, Jan. 2018)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. (Sat):** Last working day, before Nepal visit. Already got duty leave sanctioned. Made all time last preparation. I have to go with Prof. Damodar Jena to airport. Suraj Tripathy and Damodar Suar to reach independently, directly. Prof. Tapan Adhya had already reached Delhi.

Evening AI flight was late by 40 min; so boarded at 10 pm and reached Delhi airport at 12 midnight. Prof. M. Suar had booked a nearby hotel (individual rooms) near airport. We all checked in and took rest. Dr. Jena and me had a brief morning walk next morning, near hotel; purchased a muffler for me.

**24<sup>th</sup> (Sun):** Had (complimentary) breakfast at hotel; checked out and then reached Delhi airport T3. There was a huge queue; but we had time with us, for immigration and security check formalities. Then Dr. Tapan Adhya (Prof, KIIT Biotech) joined us. We boarded AI flight for TIA Kathmandu. My first visit to Nepal. Reached Kathmandu after (journey of) 1hr 20 min. Small airport. Went through immigration again, there. Hotel (Yellow Pagoda) had made arrangements for pick up from airport. Checked into respective rooms in hotel at around 2:30 pm. It was bit cold there, around 10 degree C. Damodar Jena and me ordered some snacks, then had early dinner in hotel. I was feeling tired, as I had not good sleep last night.

**25<sup>th</sup> (Mon):** After breakfast, we first assembled in auditorium of hotel for formal inauguration of SANH – Inception meeting. It is a UKRI funded GCRF project, with over 100 delegates from 8 South Asian countries and UK.

Main contributors to this 200 crore mega research project are: Mark Shutton, Roger Jeffery, Vera, Cleeve from UK, Shubash from Nepal; Tapan Adhya and Raghuram from India and A Baser from SACEP Afghanistan.

Inauguration was graced by a senior Nepal Minister, Kathmandu University VC, Subhas & Trbhuban University rep., Govt. Representatives from 8 South Asian countries. They made their formal presentations. Mark Shutton coordinated the function. After inauguration, we had parallel meetings, specific group wise called, RP & WP. I was with Prof. Roger Jeffery (Scotland) & Vera. It was a nice learning experience for me, for being a part of huge international research project.

Evening we had one reception dinner at ‘Nepal Authentic International Restaurant’, with traditional dances and welcome drink. I came early to hotel rooms and took rest.

**26<sup>th</sup>:** Prof. D. Jena had his Nepali guest (Dr. Jyoti Regmi Adhikary, of Kathmandu University) in the morning, who suggested us to explore local heritage places, visiting on walk to Basantpur durbar square. Evening we visited famous Pasupatinath temple. Daytime, we all were busy for workshop.

**27<sup>th</sup> (Wed):** Last day of SANH workshop. Afternoon, we were relatively free. Dr. Jena and me decided to take a cab and visit historic Bhaktapur Palace (ruins). It is 25 km away from Kathmandu. It was raining initially, but stopped later. Cool bridge. Below 10 degree temperature. Place was interesting. We returned before evening. Total expenses was 2,000 NPR. We were tired. Had very simple dinner (roti, dal fry). Planned to leave hotel tomorrow before 11 am. M. Suar had already left. Tapan Adhya had to stay back, for executive

board meeting. So, me, D Jena & Suraj Tripathy, are to fly back together, up to BBSR.

Indo – Pak border Tension, because of Ballakote (surgical) air strike by Indian army. We had Pakistani delegates there with us, in that meeting. They felt bit uncomfortable.



**28<sup>th</sup> (Thu):** Had good (complimentary) breakfast in hotel. Packed our belongings. Checked out of the hotel after settling our bills, by 11 am. Reached airport, three of us, by 11:31. There was huge Q for immigration. But, we had time, flight was at 2:30 pm. It was still cold. 11 degree. Reached Delhi safely. There was extra security because of Indo – Pak border tension. One Indian Pilot (Abhinandan) is captured by Pak air force. After immigration formalities, we checked out of T3 and walked down to T2 of Delhi airport. Flight was at 7 pm. Left Delhi at 7:30. Reached BBSR at 9:30 pm; residence at 10:30 pm. Very tiring but a satisfying visit.

**February 2019**

2.2.19: Attended National Economics Conference of BU Bhanjabihar, Brahmapur (with four of my foreign students), as an invited speaker. Also chaired a session.



22.2.2019: Attended National Seminar at Ravenshaw University Cuttack





**March 2019**

**8<sup>th</sup> (Friday):** Allina is leaving for Bangalore today (from her parents' house). Mita is not free today. So, I wanted to see her off at airport, alone. Jhia joined me. She came with her family (Jojo and mother – in – law) in Rabi's car. Bou wanted to leave for village. I asked her to stay back. From airport, I came back and joined office.

**9<sup>th</sup> (Sat):** On leave (CL) to attend a seminar at RCM BBSR. First dropped Bou at Patia station at 9:30 and then went to RCM (MBA College of BBSR). Jhia also left with her family, on her own.

My presentation (on stock market operation) was good at national conference at R.C.M Bhubaneswar (Founder director is Prof. Prabir Pal). Prof. Pradip Tripathy (stat.) has joined RCM after retirement. He had conducted this seminar (and had invited me).



**17<sup>th</sup> March (Sunday):** Prog. At IIMT Bhubaneswar (Kantabad area), near ASBM. This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> visit to IIMT (owned by Prof. Srikant Patnaik), this time for a student fest function. Had lunch there. They felicitated me and two other teachers (of SOA). Nice experience.

**April 2019:**

**19<sup>th</sup>:** Good Friday. Holiday. Went to Puri by car, with Mita and Mama. KIIT Guesthouse room was booked. Reached there by 10:30 am. First visited Totapuri Ashram and Gourahri Math before lunch. We had our lunch in



guesthouse and then took rest till 5 pm. Evening was spent at sea beach. Took rest after dinner at KIIT guesthouse.

**20<sup>th</sup> (Sat):** Left Puri early morning by 8 am and reached our BBSR residence by 10:30. Dropped the idea of going Paradeep. PPT guesthouse was booked for today. Evening, we went to Damana market.

## **May 2019**

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** First Super cyclone made landfall at Puri in the morning and devastated the city. Then BBSR got severely affected. From 12 noon onwards till 4 pm, effect of cyclone was at its worst. Wind speed was 200 km/ hr. We saw for ourselves, trees getting uprooted, mobile tower falling down, sheds flying away. There was heavy rain too. Our apartment compound wall collapsed. There was no electricity; and all mobile network failed. By evening it stopped. We moved outside to take stock of situation. At night, we got power supply through our own DG se (of apartment).

**27<sup>th</sup>:** Could not book tatkal tkt in alternative train for our Bangalore visit. Requested my friend (railway officer) Ranjan Swain to help release tkts from railway quota.

**28<sup>th</sup>:** Only during lunch time, we got confirmation for (today) afternoon train, Duronto Exp., for Bangalore. So packed everything hurriedly. Requested Panda (Vikas) of KT to help us carrying luggage up to BBSR main railway station. Train was running 2 hours late. But, boarded comfortably at 7pm.

**29<sup>th</sup>:** By evening, we reached Bangalore. Silu had come to receive us. We got down at KR Puram station. We all reached Silu's residence by 8 pm.

**30<sup>th</sup>:** Took rest. I bought fish for Silu, from local shop. Mama came to join us at Silu's residence.

## **June 2019:**

**1<sup>st</sup> (Sat):** @Bangalore. We all (full family) went to Lalbag Botanical garden, (morning) spent some time there. Returned home by 2 pm. Had lunch together. I could finally get one Tulsi Plant (for puja at Bangalore residence).

**2<sup>nd</sup> (Sun):** Silu and Allina wanted to prepare chicken biriyani for all of us. Mita and myself went out and visited Mama's PG (at Velandur). Mama bought a shirt for me from Central mall. Returned to residence by 1:30 pm. Had lunch together. Took rest. I was not feeling well (dust allergy).

**3<sup>rd</sup> (Mon):** Sabitri (brata) puja. Allina was perhaps not feeling well, woke up late. Mita did all puja. Silu, Mama and Mita went to local Jagannath temple. I suffered from cold-cough, because of dust allergy. I took rest. Mama stayed with us; all three of them were on leave for today.

**4<sup>th</sup> (Tue):** Silu, Mama and Allina went to office early. We packed our things for return journey. Silu returned from office early (half-day). We went to KR Puram Station after 3 pm. Train was again 2 hours late. Silu returned back.

We met Patra Babu & his Mrs. (of Adarsh Vihar) waiting for same train (Humsafar Exp.). Train left KR Puram at 6:30 pm.

**5<sup>th</sup> (Wed):** Reached BBSR railway station after 7 pm. All of a sudden, it rained with thunderstorm. We both got drenched, while waiting for Ola – cab. Rain continued for 2 hours. Reached our BBSR (Patia) residence at 10 pm. Cleaned house and cooked dinner. Went to bed after 11:30 pm. Tiring. Bobby got his wife (Juli) admitted in KIMS hospital.

**17- 21:** Juli is admitted in Kims, with labour - complications. Visiting her almost everyday. Bou wants to go back (first to Puri, then to Village). Addressed FDP of Srusti Academy, one session (SPSS data analysis demo).

**22<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday):** Juli Passed away (after CS operations) in KIMS, very unfortunately. Working day for us. Mita went to their Pokhariput Residence along other relatives, with dead body. She was cremated at Puri Swargadwara. Bobby (and his family) devastated, in shock!



**23<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday):** Santa came from Kolkata; Samudi (Pankaj Babu) came from Delhi. Santa Left same night for Kolkata by bus. Pankaj babu dropped Santa at (Jaydev vihar) bus stop.

**30<sup>th</sup>:** Prafulla bhai suggested to visit Bobby's Pokhariput Residence together. By lunchtime, I finished all editing work of my RM Book and sent it to Publisher (Emerald's Sophie). Then visited Bobby. Decided to bring out a small booklet in memory of Juli within a short time of just one day.

11.6.19: KSRM PhD candidate selection interview, in Conference Hall of KSRM; I attended (as a panel member); also met KSRM Director Prof. Nisith Parida.

17-20.06: PhD candidate selection interview (of KSoM) daily during 9.30 to 5.30 [Mon to Thursday]

20.6.19 (3 PM): Addressed participants of FDP at Srusti Academy of Mgmt: Taken my session on the topic, "Quantitative research Analysis: Simple Regression to Multiple Regression", at their JRD TATA Hall [Prof Dibyajyoti Mohapatra coordinator]. It was successful.

21.6.19: KIIT faculty FDP inauguration in campus-6; I attended as participant;

25.6.19:a) My invited talk in FDP of KINS. 10.00-11.00, topic: 'Quantitative Analysis in Mixed Research'; b) Talk in FDP of KSoM, on 'Data Analysis'

26.6.19: FDP invited talk at KIIT Law School, morning two sessions. (Stat analysis for Soc. Sc. res.) – 10 am-1.00

27.6.19: FDP invited talk at KIIT School of Humanities; My invited talk at FDP was on 'Stock mkt operations';

29.6.19 Attended FDP valedictory function, at campus-6, presided by founder.

30.6.19 (Sunday): Last day today, to submit our RM book final manuscript (with all chapters, CTAs) to Emerald. Completed all related work. A great academic satisfaction, really!

## July 2019

**11<sup>th</sup> (Thursday):** My 1<sup>st</sup> session for new batch of MBA students of KSoM, taken combined session for all 5 sections in auditorium. Went on well. Had to go village toady. Went by car at 1:30 pm along with Mita, Jojo, Satya Nana and Asha. Then from Tarapi, went to Hanumanta to attend marriage ceremony of Gagan (nephew of Rabi), (Son of Laxman) met Naba, Kabi, Rabi and others. Returned from Hanumanta by 8 pm. There was meeting of village committee on division / settlement of joint landed property (with Rajua, Khalia Nana, Satya nana, Biru) settled amicably.

**15 – 16: ICSSR–IMPRES Research Project offer letter** came with documents, from ICSSR (Govt. of India), New Delhi. Had a discussion with Prof. Damodar Jena & Saroj Routray, who have also received similar projects. Got the required stamp paper agreement signed, for this major project. MBA – 2 students came for discussion on their summer project reports. Bou is now going for physiotherapy (by Dr. Bipin Dalai, who was earlier with KIMS and had treated Mita). Bou is now bit happy.

22<sup>nd</sup> : Visit of GCRF team from Scotland (Prof. Jo, Dr Dali R Nayak) to KIIT campus; organized meeting with them at KSRM (along with Prof D Jena).



24<sup>th</sup>: Sent IMPRESS project final documents signed by Registrar, KIIT

27<sup>th</sup>: BoS meeting, af NIST Berhampur. –attended online, as member.

29<sup>th</sup>: Attended IMPRESS project meeting with VC at campus 6.

27<sup>th</sup>: As planned, I went to Brahmapur early in the morning by taxi/cab along with Bou. First dropped Bou at village then went to NIST Berhampur, to attend BoS meeting, as invited by Dr. Ratnakar Mishra (HoD). Prof. Kailash BL Srivastav from IIT Kharagpur and Prof. Sudhakar Patro from B.U. had come. It went on very well. We all had lunch together at 2 pm, then I left NIST at 3 pm, for BBSR. It was raining, all the day. But reached BBSR, back, at 6:30 pm safely.

## **August 2019:**

**August 14<sup>th</sup>:** I took CL, as I had to take a session at Utkal University, MBA dept. My session (for MBA fresher's) was good. Now Dr. Dasarathi sahu (BAM) is HoD. They gave me cheque of Rs. 1500/-. Then Mita and myself went to attend (house – warming) lunch, hosted by Mr. Bansidhar Mohapatra, at Tamando – CV Raman area (Central Coop. Housing Complex Apartment). As per plan, from that place, we went to meet Prafulla Bhai – Kanan Apa (Khurdha). From there, went to village (Tarapi) reached by 4:30 pm. Jhia had already come.

15<sup>th</sup>: (Independence day & Rakshya Bandhan): Flag hoisting along with village UP school students done by me. Distributed biscuits to them (school kids). Ashaa & Santa bou also came our house, for common lunch. Niru was so happy to meet all close relatives.



Then we left village at 3:45 pm, along with Niru and Jhia. First dropped Jhia at Rameshwar/ Nirakarpur (she boarded Puri Bus from there) and then dropped Niru at BBSR airport. Finally, we reached our BBSR residence at 6:30. Benu kaka, khudi came to visit us (with sweets), for brief period.

23-26: Visit to Bangalore on personal work; Silu is now in Japan (Tokyo). Spent some good, quality time there, with Mama and Allina. We visited Mango-mist resort, Bangalore.

## **Maldives visit (September 2019)**

**1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday):** Tour to Maldives, with Prof. Jena, starts from today, for SANH – GCRF research project meeting. We both reached BBSR airport on time together in same cab, for the morning flight (Indigo) to Mumbai. It was raining at Mumbai; but from domestic airport to International airport, our journey was hassle free (by auto). After immigration formalities, we boarded the next Indigo flight to Male (Maldives) at 2 pm. Reached Maldives at 4:30 pm. Local host from Maldives, National University (MNU) had arranged our pick – up from airport. This beautiful (Island) – country is a nature’s wonder! Airport itself is in one (separate) island, capital city (very small) Male is another island and we were given accommodation in another island (Ville – Male), in Vinora Hotel. Reached our hotel rooms by 7 pm. Hotel receptionist was a small girl, called Soma. My (local) friend Shathif (professor at MNU) came to meet me.

**2<sup>nd</sup> (Monday):** Aminath Shazla came again to our hotel to receive and guide us, to go to MNU (in Male), by ferry. Met Mark Shutton, Sandy (Alexandre Tadhope) and other project fellows from UK and India. Reached MNU by 9:30 am. Entire day was on deliberation on sub – theme of ‘Coral – health’. Had lunch there, at MNU campus. Then we returned independently, in the evening, to our hotel, at Ville – Male. Had our brief (evening) walk, near our hotel (in a small island).

**3<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday):** Second day of our SANH workshop, where each group had their presentation. We belonged to ‘Socio – Economic’ research group and had our presentations, along with Prof. Mallika Pinnwala from Srilanka and two other ladies from Scotland.

**4<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday):** Field study – visit to a small but beautiful island, Dhiguraa 120 km. down south in Indian Ocean. We all went by a high speed power boat (2+2 hours journey in sea). Had a chance to do snorkeling (diving in sea with mask) for the first time. Nice experience. Lot of corals (live and dead) and varieties of colour fishes could be seen. On our return, I saw a lot of dolphins, in the deep sea portion. Reached back our Ville–Male hotel by 7 pm. I was damn tired.

**5<sup>th</sup> (Thursday):** Last day at Maldives. Study visit to another island, Thodoo, famous for large-scale cultivation, mostly fruits and vegetables. Full of vegetation. Equally attractive beaches, serene, almost virgin. Visited some vegetable-cultivation fields, also did snorkeling. I was feeling very much tired, mostly because of hot-humid climate of that (Maldives) island.

Returned bit early from that island (by high speed powerboat), reached by 5:30 pm. Shathif wanted to meet me. He then invited me to visit Male city. So, again we both went by ferry to Male. 8 pm to 9:30 pm, we visited many places of this small capital city, on his scooter. Had dinner near ferry stop. Finally returned to my hotel by 10:30 pm independently and quickly started packing for our early morning departure. I could not sleep properly, for rest of the night.



**6<sup>th</sup>:** Got up very early in the morning at 4 am, after sending all message and charging both laptop & mobile, left hotel at 5 am. We boarded 1<sup>st</sup> ferry of the day from Ville – Male to Male. From Male ferry stop we got our cab (arranged by host) for airport Island. Entered airport (Male) by 7 am. Boarded flight by 8:30 am. Reached Mumbai by 12 noon. Niru had invited both of us for lunch. We reached his residence by 12:40 noon; took lunch and rested for 1, 2 hours, there at his residence. Then we both left for domestic airport at 3:30 pm. Airport was very much crowded. Flight left Mumbai for BBSR, delayed by 40 minutes. We reached our BBSR home by 9:30 pm. By God’s grace entire journey was hassle free.

**7<sup>th</sup>:** I had applied for leave. So took rest. Mita went to Sambalpur along with Bally. Bally could complete and submit the Ph.D. thesis examiner report for my scholar (Yashaswini Mishra).

**25<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday):** I went to my village, Tarapi by car, early morning, for Mahalaya Shradha. It was raining continuously. All rituals got over by 11:30 am. After lunch took rest. Then returned along with Bou, at 2:30 pm. Reached BBSR resident before 5 p.m.

## October 2019:

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Went to Cuttack with Bou; had a good darshan at Cuttack Chandi and Gada-chandi temples and returned before lunch. In the evening, I went to KIIT to attend 39<sup>th</sup> “World Congress of Poets” – WCP, inaugurated by CM, Mr. Naveen Patnaik. I registered as a delegate and joined dinner organized inside rose garden. It was a very luxurious dinner/ event.



**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Attended WCP in KIIT, took Lunch and then came back. Jhia and Rabi came to our residence. Rabi’s friend, Sneha (wife of Himanshu Khatua & Mother of Aanshuman) also came. All left by evening.

**6<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** Vice President of India (Sri Venkia Naidu) visited KIIT, for World Congress of Poets (WCP). Attended Valedictory function of WCP at KIIT. Vice President (Sri Venkia Naidu), Odisha Governor, and two other ministers attended.

**7<sup>th</sup> (Monday):** Bally came in the morning, and we all went to Banki, as per our earlier plan. Reached Charchika temple (Banki) before 10 am. Road/ driving was good. We offered puja and then went to Akshaya Bhai – Ranju Apaa’s

residence (in front of Banki College). Had lunch (Prasad) there and left Banki by 2:30 pm. Reached BBSR residence at 4 pm.

**11:** Pankaj Babu came with sweets and fruits for Kumar Purnima. He also gave Rs. 15,000/-.

**12<sup>th</sup> (Saturday):** We went to village by car, as Bou wanted to observe Kartika brata at Tarapi. We reached village by 11 am. Cleaned house. Mita cooked food. Bou distributed sweets among village neighbours.

**19<sup>th</sup> (Saturday):** Ph.D. Scholar Yashaswini Mishra's viva. Prof. Tattwamasi Paltasingh (Bally) HoD Sociology, Sambalpur University is external examiner. She came from Sambalpur at 12' O clock noon. Viva scheduled at 3:30 pm. It went on very well. Dean and VC nominee were also present. We had a conclave at school. Next day CoE noticed the result of PhD viva.



**21<sup>st</sup>:** Preparation for my Sri Lanka visit to attend research workshop; Mama would join me from Bangalore.

### **Colombo, Sri Lanka visit (Oct. 2019)**

**22<sup>nd</sup>:** As planned, me and Damodar Jena reached BBSR airport by 12:30 pm. Boarded Bangalore Indigo flight along with Tapan Adhya & Suraj Tripathy reached Bangalore airport before 4pm and we all did our immigration formalities. Mama was waiting for us near the terminal, after security check and immigration, all by herself. We then boarded our Colombo flight, 5 of us together, at 5:50 pm.

Landed at Colombo at around 7:30 pm. Hotel vehicles were waiting for us. Mama went with Prof. Tapan and Damodar. Suraj & me in another vehicle. It was close to 1 hr drive from airport to hotel Taj Samudra, located in city near Gale – Beach.

Mama was very much pleased, looking at the comfort of a big room in Hotel Taj. But, that night we managed only with snacks (no proper dinner).

**23<sup>rd</sup>:** Me and Mama had morning walk near Gale – beach, took photos. I first had my breakfast and joined SANH team for our transit in Volvo buses (escorted by Police) to main (Govt.) conf. hall of Colombo. Workshop was inaugurated with fan-fare with support from Sri Lankan Govt, with lot of cultural events. Then after lunch, the main technical session started. I thought

of leaving the venue early. It started raining all of sudden. By chance, I got an auto driver, who was very friendly, who offered me to take us around Colombo City. I picked Mama from form hotel. Auto driver first took us to his residence and then took us around the Colombo city for 2/3 hours. Mama and me both moved together and visited world trade centre, Independence memorial, Gangaramaya (vihara) Buddha temple, and a few other landmark buildings. Auto finally dropped us near our hotel. We thanked him, from our heart. He was a very nice gentleman.

**24<sup>th</sup>:** Day–2 of workshop, at same main auditorium. We had less role. Prof. Damodar Jena was suffering from Cold and Fever. We both left venue in this afternoon bit early. Dama Babu, me and Mama had brisk evening walk and visited paces around hotel (Taj). Then we went to Colombo's oldest Hindu temple, built as per Tamil culture, architecture. I was feeling tired. Also suffered from cold. Mama ordered dinner through Uber–Eat App for 3 of us.

**25<sup>th</sup>:** Today's workshop was inside hotel Taj (in its heritage building, originally built during 1870's). Vera & Mark coordinated this 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of workshop, aimed at developing methodologies for data collection or nitrogen use and its effects. We also had our lunch and dinner, arranged by SANH. Mama joined me during dinner. She was enjoying the complementary breakfast each day. She moved around, in the city independently.

**26<sup>th</sup> (Saturday):** Last day of workshop and last say in Colombo. Damodar Jena was very weak. So he could not attend workshop. I represented for both of us. I contributed during WP – 1.3 session discussion, along with Toju & Vera. Workshop was over by 4:30 / 5 pm. We had to pack up things for our early departure tomorrow morning. I suggested Mama to stay back and leave hotel bit late along with Prof. Tapan Adhya, tomorrow.

**27<sup>th</sup>:** Got up by 4 am. Left hotel by 5 am, after checking out. Hotel vehicle dropped me and Dama Babu at Colombo airport by 6 am. Security check & immigration was over in next 30 minutes. After 7 am, we both boarded Sri Lankan airline (an airbus) for Chennai. Mama came separately, by Indigo, upto Bangalore later, after 12 noon.

Me and Dama babu reached Chennai before 10 am. Then we boarded Indigo flight. Wait was bit tiring and monotonous, as both of us were suffering from cold. Finally reached BBSR airport by 4 pm and my BBSR residence by 5 pm.

Today is also Deepavali (Diwali). We celebrated Deepavali, along with Jojo, who came for a brief period.

## **November 2019:**

**16<sup>th</sup>:** Conducted written test and PI for 18 candidates/ applicants, those who had attended interview for my project. It was a difficult choice to eliminate good candidates (which included daughter of my friend Sushil Samal, Stat. PG). But with much deliberation/ discussion, finally we decided to select Vandana Patnaik (MBA from KIIT) and Sonalimayee Sahu (MA Soc., who

was known to Braja Kar). It was done very neatly and satisfactorily. Prof. Srikant Ch. Das (Co–Project director) helped me a lot.

**24<sup>th</sup> (Sunday):** Jhia came from Puri. We all went to meet Nilu & Naba, at their Khandagiri Residence. Then we went to meet Pankaj Babu (Samudi). We had dinner together, there.

### **December 2019:**

**1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday):** Buba daughter's 1<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary at Jaleswar temple, BBSR attended with Mita. Met all relatives there (Delta Square). Project staff (Vandana & Sonali) joined from today in my ICSSR research project. For them, a new room is being made ready by KSoM. Meeting of all KSoM staff with mentor/ coach Mr. Debi Prasad das, arranged by new director, Prof. Saroj Mahapatra.

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Detail discussion with my project staff regarding background and objective of my project (topic: Digital diversity & Consumption). Salary credited. New NPS account wrongly applied (50k got deducted from my account). Dr. Nityanada Sahu has not returned 20,000 taken from me, so far.

**4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>:** I am again given the charge of KSoM journal editor, by Director.

**7<sup>th</sup>(Sat):** Marriage reception of (Mita friend) Chhabhi's son at Rail Kunj.

**12<sup>th</sup>(Thursday):** Bou and Mita made all (10) types of cakes early in the morning, then performed ମାଣ୍ଡବିଜା puja. Repairing of motor – pump through Rajua. Visted Dama Mamu and also Rajua's new housing project.

**13<sup>th</sup>:** Left village early in the morning. Reached BBSR residence by 9 am. Attended office (though on leave today) for my 1<sup>st</sup> RM class today. Returned from office by 5 pm. Feeling extremely tired. Has to go to BAM tomorrow morning for NIST BoS meeting.

**14<sup>th</sup> (Sat):** I went to BAM by morning train. Ratnakar had sent vehicle to receive me. IIT Kharagpur Prof. KBL Srivastava joined me in the same car. BoS meeting was over by 12:00 noon; Returned after lunch by 2:30 pm. Train was running late by 3 hours. So spent some time with Prof. Arun Panda and then boarded train at 5 pm. Reached home by 9 pm. Feeling tired.

**16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>:** FDP talk at KSRM (invited by Prof. Damodar Jena) and then again, one more at KIIT law school (invited by director, Prof. Raina).

Journal (Parikalpana) editing work, as our new (KSoM) director (Prof. Saroj Mahapatra) wanted me to bring out a double issue. Completed editing/ compilation of 300 pages, for special issue. Evaluation of End–Semester answer sheet.

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>:** Silu – Allina came from Bangalore. Pankaj Babu brought them from airport. We had dinner together at our residence. Next day they all went to Dhableswar temple. I checked students' answer sheets. I am on vacation leave these days. Prafulla Bhai (brother-in-law) was shifted to AIMS – BBSR,

for his treatment (of aplastic anemia). He is bit critical, and may be shifted to Kolkata.

- All Odisha Commerce Conference, at KIIT. Met a few known Commerce faculty, from BU and Utkal.
- AI India Commerce Conference was also held at KIIT, in continuation (to Odisha Conference).
- Also attended ISPS International Conference organized by Utkal University Statistics dept. (inside Physics Institute Campus). Chaired a session, along with Dr. Pravat Sarangi.

26<sup>th</sup>: Bou came from Village; Jhia – Juhi came from Puri to meet Allina. Silu– Allina left for Bangalore. Silu suffered from severe cold, now at Bangalore.

**December 21-23, 2019:** Int. conf on ‘Recent Advances in Statistics and Data Science for Sustainable Development’, in collaboration with ISPS; organized by Utkal University Vanivihar Stat Dept.



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**January 1-5, 2020:** Prafulla bhai suffering from aplastic anaemia (blood loss) and now admitted at AIMS Bhubaneswar. I visited twice.

11.1.20: Me and Mita spent entire day with Prafulla bhai at AIMS BBSR. On our return, we both visited Ekamra Kanan flower show during evening. But the place was extremely crowded.

14.1.20: Received my first (author’s) copy of Research Methodology book, published by Emerald. A big academic satisfaction for me, it being a good book.





**February-2020:** We had one get-together of Matriculation batch at BBSR. Held at Jaydev Vatika, Khandagiri square. Many friend attended with their spouses. Friends from Kuhudi came by two vehicles.

### **March-2020:**

1. Prepared a project proposal for Australia-India joint study on students' health, with KIIT collaboration (with Vice Chancellor Prof. Sasmita Samanta, as Co-PI). Project applied through Australian University for funding (along with Prof. Abu Saleh, of Canberra University Australia). It could not be successful.

2. PhD scholar (Omar Faruk from Bangladesh) had four rounds of discussion and finalized complete questionnaire for data collection, for his PhD.

3. PhD scholar Ms Ankita (Mishra) Agrawal completed a draft research paper, developed for publication in a SCOPUS journal.

4. Taken 12 PhD scholars of current batch for a field-study visit program to villages of Balikuda and Tirtol in Jagatsinghpur Dist (on 6<sup>th</sup> March), learning of FGD & qualitative interviews of villagers (beneficiary). It was really a good learning experience on 'action research', as we visited 'mo upakari bagicha' livelihood project of Ajim-Premji Foundation and Govt Livelihood mission joint collaboration project (facilitated by Mr. Debasis Mohapatra, a senior functionary, who is also our PhD student).

5. All colleges, schools closed due to COVID pandemic lockdowns. KIIT authority also asked employees to work from home. Participated Zoom online practice sessions (first practice sessions with Director, and then with PhD scholars). It is a new challenge, but the 'new normal' now.

6. ICSSR-project work in progress: Data collection of over 1000 (questionnaire) respondents completed. We need to complete report writing within next 3,4 months. Worked with Prof. Srikanta Das, Vandana & Sonali (My Project Staff), who collected data from over 1000 respondents; Submitted of six-monthly progress report.

7. Helped one of my mentees (Ms Sivani Tripathy, of MBA-II) getting placement offer from international project (GCRF-SANH).

### **April 2020**

Prepared & submitted project proposal for faculty-led SIP for MBA-I students (coordinated by Prof. Surya Mishra). Topic: Stock Market analytics and simulation. Two MBA students joined this SIP.

Online staff meetings (on Zoom), held thrice in April. (26, 30); online exam invigilation, and online classes for MBA & PhD students started. Getting accustomed to this new normal (zoom based online official activities). Also uploaded my lecture videos, for the benefit of my students, who find difficulty (getting disconnected, because of poor internet network). Videos are very

much appreciated by students. It has encouraged me to learn more on video making and uploading in YouTube. Now, within a few months, I have over 300 subscribers, with a total view of over 10,000, within first three months.

## May 2020:

1-15. Zoom class for MBA-I Sem-II, QT-II revision class, and online exam invigilation duty for MBA-I and BBA End-Sem examination.

15<sup>th</sup> May: One paper written jointly (with Debajani Palai & SC Das), one research project (ICSSR on COVID research) submitted to international journal. My article-citation (in Google scholar), which was unsatisfactory till this year, is now looking up and improving. Now my total citations are over 65.

May-17: Art of Giving (AOG-2020): visit to villages in Khurdha Chilka block, pictures posted in AOG website n social media. Distributed some eatables to close known families; spent some time with them. Art of Giving is a new initiative of KIIT founder, which is being observed/ conducted in all states of India (and a few other countries).

May-29, 30: Prepared brochure for my webinar on my funded research project, and then took approval of VC and Pro-VC of KIIT University.

## June-2020:

June 3: BoS meeting of KSoM, held during 11.00 A.M. - 1.30 P.M,

June 22-28, KIIT FDP week. I addressed FDP sessions of two schools of KIIT: a) KINS (on 27<sup>th</sup> morning), b) School of Commerce (on 24<sup>th</sup>).

**Life in Virtual World: Issues, Challenges & Way Forward Webinar**

Webinar Date: 28.6.20, Sunday

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**Prof. Bhagirathi Panda**  
Dean, NEHU Shillong

**Prof. Saswata Biswas**  
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**New-normal life in Virtual World: ...the way forward**

On June-28, conducted **Webinar on ‘Life in Virtual world’** with partnership of ORSI Bhubaneswar chapter, inviting 15 experts from India and abroad, as invited speakers; 20 research papers for presentation in parallel sessions. Attended by VC, Pro-VC, Registrar, Director–KSoM and over 310 participants, from 7 countries. It was a huge success, despite lockdown restrictions. Prof. Srikant Das helped me getting all technical help and support of KIIT (ICT cell). My student Santanu Behera helped me a lot. We had arranged lunch and snacks at KIIT Guest house, from the project fund.

June-29, 30: Webinar certificate distribution made (in 3 categories: Paper presenters; General participation & special Letter of Appreciation, to Guest speakers) and uploading of Webinar video in YouTube.

### **July – 2020:**

July-2, PhD viva of Prof. Ganesha of KSRM, I attended as RSC member. We have one joint paper published in a SCOPUS listed journal.

July- 7-15: Completed three research articles (relating to my ICSSR project) and sent for plagiarism check to our Librarian. ICSSR IMPRESS project report writing: 60 pages of draft report written. Data editing completed. Qualitative interviews taken with 25 persons.

### **August 2020**

Online classes for new batch of MBA (KSoM, KIIT) now in full swing. I have QT-I paper. Slowly adjusting to the new ‘normal’ mode (of online classes, meetings n conferences). Project work at completion stage. Agreement signed with Horizon Journal of Humanities & Soc Sc Res, to bring out a special issue, containing the selected articles of my last webinar, held during last week of June. Around 12/ 14 articles to be edited and sent to him within a month.

I could record my lectures of QT (in Zoom) and upload in YouTube. New batch, new experience of online classes using ‘online white board’. Volunteered to donate Rs.10,000 from my salary for 3 months (totaling Rs.30,000) towards KISS/ KIMS.

Project staff, Sonalimayee Sahu & Debajani Palai, got their last month’s salary. ICSSR research project data analysis work is now completed; rough draft of final report is also almost complete.

### **September 2020**

Edited 14 articles for Horizon journals, with two rounds of revision. Finally, 12 articles were sent. But Editor, Nayan Kanwal, returned most of the articles, asking for further revision and proper formatting. Finally, submitted as per format and got finally accepted. Had to pay a total of Rs.23,000/- as processing fee, from my project fund for publication. Publication of project related articles was a necessary requirement. But articles were published timely and then were well circulated and well cited. 2020 becoming academically successful.

Articles (in the special issue of journal) are available at (Horizon journal of Hum. and Soc. Sc. Res.): <https://horizon-jhssr.com/current-issue.php>

## October 2020

Oct-4: Delivered a talk in Data Science Group conference of CSE School of KIIT (organized by Prof. Sidharth Routray). My article is also getting published in conference proceedings, being published by Springer.

Oct-11: Delivered a talk at FDP organized by IPREMS, Brahmapur, organized by Dr. Prabin Padhy (as invited speaker).

## November 2020:

Nov-3: Bou had some accidental head injury; village house ceiling portion fell down on top of her head, leading to profuse bleeding. Dilia (of Tarapi) took her immediately to nearby (Sai Seva Sadan) hospital for first aid; she got stitches. Got information late in afternoon. Decided to go to village next morning.

Nov-4: Got up early in the morning; prepared tea to carry in flask to village. Left BBSR at 4.30 am and reached village by 6 am. After 30 min, returned to BBSR with Bou. She had to take full rest.

Nov-7: Took Bou to KIMS for check-up; doctor assured us not to worry; nothing serious (luckily).

Nov-11: Took Bou to KIMS again; Removed staple/ stitches from Bou head-injury. She is now ok, she took bath (after 7 days).

Nov-13: Silu-Allina came from Bangalore by evening flight.

Nov-16: Sunit Nayak (proposal for Mama) came from Pune; we had formal meeting at a coffee shop.

Nov-21, 2020: We all went to Puri (with Allina's parents & Soyuz). Visited golden sea beach Puri (with Juhi and Jojo).



For Prof. CR Rao, birth centenary series, I had a chance of addressing one such memorial webinar yesterday, as invited speaker (Thanks to Prof. P. Rajasekhara Reddy of Tirupati, for invitation). I did that online from Rabi's Puri residence. It is always a proud privilege to be associated with legendary statistician, CR Rao's centenary. He is still active and loved by all statisticians.

Nov-23: Silu-Allina left for Bangalore by early morning flight.

Nov-30: Submitted draft project report to ICSSR, Govt. of India.

## 2021

10.1. 2021: Field visit to sample village (of SANH-GCRF research project), K Nuagam, near Chikiti (Ganjam), with Prof. Damodar Jena, Jyoti and Saswata. Myself and Jena babu returned same evening. Our project staff (Jyoti and Saswat) stayed back to do survey work.

16.1.21: Biru daughter Dipa's marriage held at village. We all went to attend the same. Returned next day. I had given Rs. 50,000 (refundable) to Biru.

24.1.21: Sunit Nayak's parents, sister (and Mause, Maus) visited our house for first time to meet Mama. I took them to visit our KIIT campus.

31.1.21: Family visit to Satkoshia, TIKARAPADA. Journey was comfortable, enjoyable. Mama enjoyed boat ride.

**February 2021** International Conference held most successfully, 170 papers presented in 14 sessions (online) and inauguration in hybrid mode. Prof. Mark Sutton joined as chief guest, from Scotland. Springer agreed to publish papers.



**March 7, 2021:** Negotiation ceremony for my daughter held at Rourkela, Hanuman Vatika (with Sunit Nayak, son of Smt. Sabita & Sri Akshay Nayak of Rourkela. Around 15 of us (from our side) had gone (by train) to attend it.

May 5, 2021: Marriage ceremony held smoothly for my daughter with limited gathering of 50, following COVID protocol, in Hotel Padmaja.



20.06.2021: KIIT FDP Inauguration (held online, with good participation).

21-Jun-21: My invited talk for Civil Engg. School of KIIT, on 'Introduction to SPSS (Descriptive statistics)', during 9 to 10.30 AM

WBU of Law: My invited talk on, 'Res Data Analysis' during 2.30-4.30

West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS),

22-Jun-21: Civil Engg. School, KIIT; My invited talk on 'Correlation & Linear Regression Analysis, using SPSS' during 9 to 10.30 AM



24.6.21: School of Humanities, KIIT: My invited talk on, 'Leveraging Research/ projects: Linking research in teaching, for excellence' during 12.20 pm-1.20 pm, (Coordinated by: Prof. Ananya Mitra)



29.6.21: GM College Sambalpur, Statistics day, GM College (HoD - Ranjan Sahoo), My invited talk on 'Applications of Statistics', at 3.30 PM (online mode, inaugurated by their Vice Chancellor). My presentation was really good, to my satisfaction. And, it was appreciated by their Vice Chancellor and statistics department colleagues.



30.6.21: Film and journalism school BoS meeting. Attended online.

5<sup>th</sup> July: MBA Inauguration, Campus-6 audi; Founder inaugurated program.

15.7.21: Babuli Tarai (son of Kedar nana, our village neighbour) died at SCB Cuttack. It was so unfortunate, untimely and very shocking.

24.7.21: Open Synopsis Seminar by Omar faruk, PhD Scholar completed.

26.7.21: Open Synopsis Seminar by Ankita Agarwal, PhD Scholar done.

## August 2021

4th-10th Aug: PhD Thesis examination report of Ankita & Omar received. Viva was held on 11<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2021. Two scholars getting award this year.

14<sup>th</sup>: KIIT Convocation: My PhD scholars, Ankita & Omar received award.

## September 2021

10.9: Visit to Pune, by Air Asia at 9 am {I'm on leave.}

11.9: Visit to Khadakvasla and Durga Tekri, at Pune.

13.9: Returned from Pune (by Air Asia); Reached BBSr res at 3.30 pm

17.9: Founder's meeting with KSoM faculty at 9 am (Campus-6)

27.9: FC meeting of KSoM held in physical mode; I am given the charge of research chairmanship of KSoM.

29.9: Visit to JHS Kuhudi with Sri Ashok Jena Sir; attended meetings with teachers, students and then with parents of school students.

**October** 18. Coursera account opened n first course on Data started today (My account: <https://www.coursera.org/account-settings>)

23. (Saturday) Visit to CIFA with Smruti Malhar Mohapatra (my PhD scholar)

## November 2021

10-13 Nov: West Bengal Law University (Kolkata), FDP on Research Methodology; 4 days workshop (8 hours total duration)

10: KINS SLRC Meeting 3 PM, held in physical mode. Attended.

22.11: Attended Rabi Panda daughter Marriage reception at Brahmapur

23.11: Conducted the PhD viva of JJTU Jhunjhun scholar, during 11.00-12.30 (online mode), as external examiner. My first academic interaction with JJTU

26.11: Attended today Director's son marriage reception (Dinner).

23, 24.11: Osmania University Hyderabad; PhD thesis of Seema rani Ref.No.: CN102100058/Ph.D/Exams/2021 evaluated.

December 3,4: Submitted required NAAC Accreditation faculty datafor onward submission to the Quality Assurance Cell.

8: Meeting with Prof. Jo, Dali and Prof. Damodar Jena for our project WP-2.2

19: Utkal Statistics Department Alumni meeting, Utkal University Statistics Department is venue.

24: 6 am to airport; received Sruti-Sunit on time.

24: 3.00PM in the Football ground, Campus-13:KIIT Staff meeting (over 5000 employees of KIIT attended. Our new VC Sasmita Samanta took over)

25: Visit to Konark and Puri, with family (Sunit & Mama).

26: Visit to Satapada, with family.

27: Visit to Dhauligiri, with family, then returned to our BBSR residence.

## **2022 January**

9: Ravenshaw stat alumni meet; 10-11 am (held on virtual mode)

16: Centre For Research Studies, BIMTECH New Delhi, PhD Pre-submission zoom meet (for Saurav Pradhan); attended.

17: To village with Pankaj babu n Nilima samuduni; returned same day.

23: ORSI meeting (online): AGM, KIIT-VC (Prof. Sasmita Samanta) elected new President; Prof. Damodar Jena as Secy

25-29: Suffered from cold, cough, sore throat (mild fever). Rest.

## **2022 - February**

06, 2022 (Sunday) Attended Founder's meeting at 12:30 PM in Auditorium, Campus-06, KIIT.

15<sup>th</sup>: Physical mode attendance in KIIT campus (KSoM office) by all employees, from today.

20 (Sun): Hotel Swosti Premium program of Book launching (of Panchanan Dash, ISS); Held at 5.30 PM. Book title: Jivan Jemiti. Got a copy of the book.

26: ICMR-2022 Conference of KSoM; held in virtual mode; Prof. Braja Kar is convener and Prof. Shikta Singh is Co-Convener.

27<sup>th</sup> : Visit to Ghatagaon Tarini temple, Pankaj samudi, Samuduni, her sister and Mita. Had a very good darshan. Had our lunch at a decent restaurant. We all returned before evening.

## 2022 - March

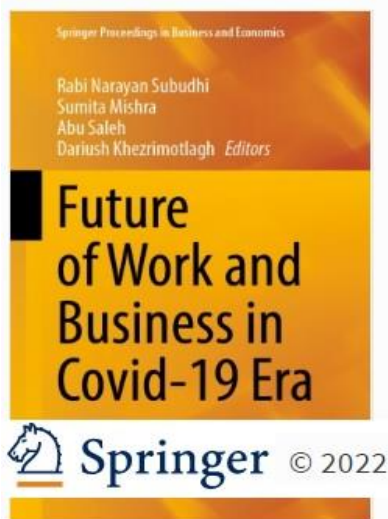
3<sup>rd</sup> : Visit to IIT BBSR with Prof Sudarshan Nanda, Prof. Braja Kar & Prof Arabinda Tripathy

4<sup>th</sup> : Invited talk at Rama Debi Women's University Statistics Dept.

Two more invited talks: One for BU MBA department, invited by Dr Susant Baral, and one more by Osmania University Hyderabad, invited by ISPS. Both held in online mode. My presentations were quite successful.

April 6, 2022: Our KSoM Journal Parikalpana got listed/ indexed in UGC-CARE list. I am so happy now, for it! Big satisfaction for me.

Received my author's copy of Springer edited book (Future of Work & Bus).



2.5.22: My 60<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated by children, on online mode.

## 2023:

Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal, Sri Soumya Ranjan Patnaik and Sri Himanshu Khatua visited our small village, Tarapi during **April 2023**, to inaugurate UP School centenary function. This function was perhaps the most memorable vent for my village, Tarapi (in Khordha District).

May 23 – IIM Ahd FDP reunion; attended; coordinated.

Aug. 17, 18: Addressed research Scholars of GIM, Goa.

Sept. 15-17: Addressed research Scholars of BIMTECH NOIDA, Delhi

Oct. 1-8: Visit to Peradeniya, Nuera Elliya, Sri Lanka

## **Dhaka visit (19-24, June 2022):**

**19.6.22:** We (myself and Prof. Damodar Jena) went by IndiGo flight to Dhaka via Kolkata (with a lay/ stop over of 7 hours). Hotel van picked up from Dhaka airport. Stayed at Hotel Lake Castle, in Gulshan area.

Visit to Dhaka, Bangladesh was again for my international research project (of SANHGCRF), for which KIIT is a major partner. I went to Dhaka with my colleagues, Prof. Damodar Jena and Prof. Tapan Adhya. Our accommodation was arranged in Hotel Lake Castle in (Gulshan area of) Dhaka city. We stayed there for a week and had academic deliberation of research project, participated by professors of 8 countries (involved in same research project).

Meetings were held for four days at hotels Pan Pacific Sonargaon and hotel Lake Castle. It was hosted/ coordinated by colleagues from BS Muzibur Rehman Agricultural University Dhaka and SACEP DG. Inauguration function was graced by a couple of ministers of Bangladesh Government. Stay was quite memorable, also because of the company of my two research scholars (Dr. Omar Faruq and Dr.Parvez) from Bangladesh. They took us around the lovely city. Visted Parliament building, Hathi-jhil, Dhaka University, Red fort (Lal bagh) and Dhakeswari temple. One can still find Hindu temples (like Maa Dhakeswari) and Hindu rituals (mostly in Hindu resident-pockets).

**24.6.22:** Returned from Dhaka by Air India flight to Kolkata and then to BBSR by Air Asia flight. It was raining outside. Reached home at 9 pm.



**Nov.26 to Dec.2, 2022:** Visit to Maldives to attend SANH-GCRF conference at MNU Male. Around 100 delegates from 8 countires attended this conference. My wife (Mita) joined me this time. Many other delegates had also taken their spouses. We stayed at Champa central hotel, Male. We could visit islands like, Maafushi, Aliafushi, Hulumale, Villimale (Villingili).

**10.05.2024:** Taken voluntary retirement from KIIT and active teaching.



## Workshops on Research Methodology

Conducted RM workshops successfully every year, during 2016-2021.



Participants and resource persons of 2017 (above) & 2020(below) workshop



## Snapshots of my Odia literary publications

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## Got a chance to publish lead articles in a newspaper first in 1983

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31.07.1983

Editor: Pritam Patraik

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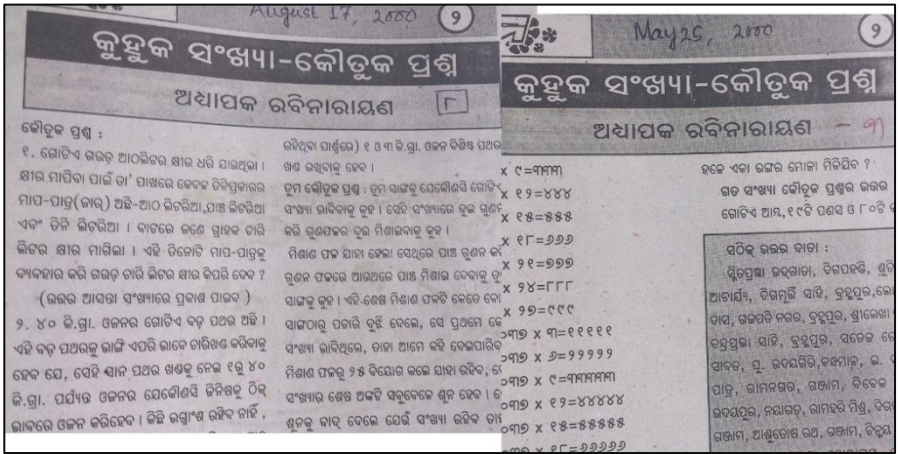
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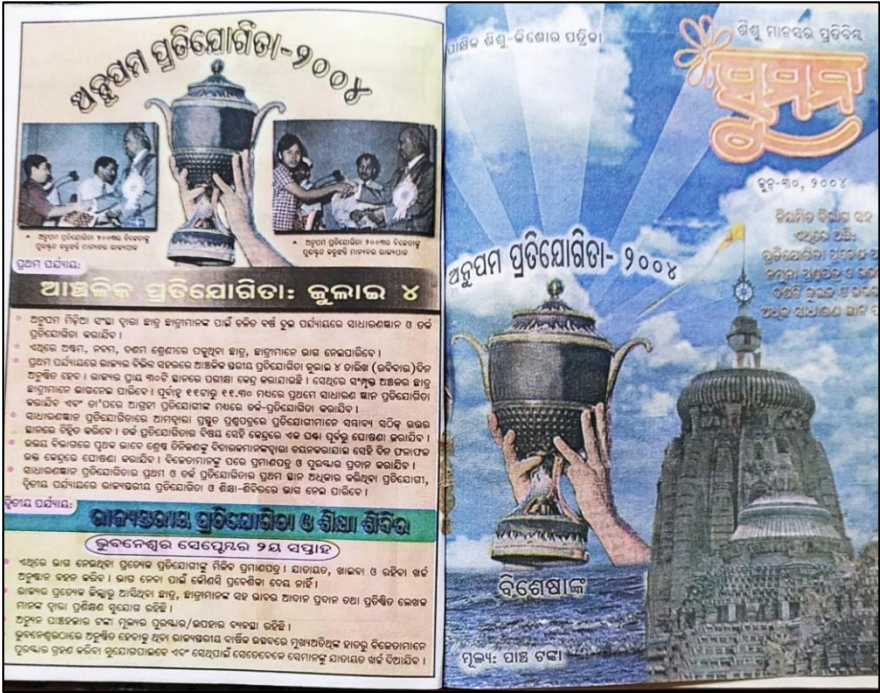
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Weekly columns for children (on Math-quiz, literature and GK)



Annual state level competitions (Anupam Pratijogita) organized for high school students, in each district of Odisha. Conceptualized and coordinated by me (on behalf of Anupam Bharat newspaper). Later, it was dedicated to the memory of founder Sri Kalicharan Panda.

# Messages



**Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta**

Honourable MP, Lok Sabha, and  
Founder- KIIT & KISS

Dear Prof. Subudhi

I congratulate you on your 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Many happy returns of the day.

As a part of the KIIT family, your contribution for the greater interest of the organization is appreciable.

As the Founder, I send my best wishes to you on this Special Day in your life.

Please keep up the good things which you have been doing.

All the very best for success.

Achyuta Samanta  
Founder- KIIT & KISS



## MESSAGES



### **Prof. J.K. Baral**

Former Vice Chancellor,  
Berhampur University Bhanja Bihar  
Brahmapur, Odisha

### **A Man for all Seasons**

Dr Rabi Narayan Subudhi, a senior professor of management studies, has made a name as a teacher and a researcher. Dr Subudhi and I were educated in the same high school – Janata High School Kuhudi, in Khurdha district, Odisha. His uncle, Sri Kanduri Subudhi, was one year junior to me, at Janata High School Kuhudi.

I feel very proud of the talent and the achievements of Dr Subudhi, who was one of my esteemed colleague at Berhampur University Bhanja Bihar, Brahmapur, Odisha, from 1987 to 2007. He was very popular among the teachers and students of the university.

Besides his excellence in teaching and research, he proved his worth in institution building. He was very positive, creative and constructive in his attitude and work.

He would be a valuable asset to any institution and organisation. He is very pleasing and unassuming, and good at managing any problem and challenge.

My love and good wishes for Dr. Subudhi.

## MESSAGES



### Dr. Anand Samuel

Former Vice Chancellor,  
VIT University, Vellore, Tamil Nadu.

It is a privilege to write about a popular Professor of Management, Dr. Rabi N. Subudhi.

At VIT University, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, we had the opportunity of having his services for one year, (during 2006-07). I had a good opportunity to observe him closely, as I was the Dean of VIT Business School initially and later as the Pro Vice Chancellor of VIT.

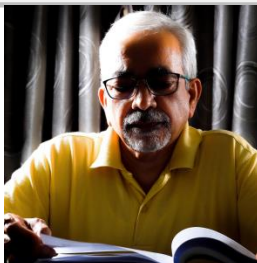
Dr Subudhi is an expert in his subject area and I found him interested in research. He is one Professor, who has been admired by all the students of MBA (of VIT). His interest in the future of students, patience he had in explaining the concepts, to make even the slow learners to understand clearly are a few of his traits that have attracted the students.

He is a soft spoken person, with high standards of ethical and moral values. He is a loving character, treated everyone equally and kind hearted, willing to help others in need. He was respected by all his colleagues, in VIT, who were from different states of the country. This, I would attribute to his pleasing mannerisms, humility and unassuming personality.

When he wanted to leave, even though I persuaded him to stay back, he was firm in his conviction that "I have to go back and serve my own state people". Even though it's a loss to VIT, we let him go, because of his passion to serve his own state which is so dear to him.

I take this opportunity to thank him for all his contributions to VIT. He is definitely a role model for all young faculty members. I wish and pray that God will grant him many more years of life with good health, to serve his state as a professor and mentor.

## MESSAGES



### Dr Anil Bajpai

Former Director, KSoM, KIIT University

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Alumnus of IISc, IIM-A

COO and Director at Prestige University Indore

RNS is what I referred to Prof Rabi N Subudhi

From the first day I set my eyes upon this lanky age defying colleague at KIIT school of Management, in the January of 2014.

RNS I soon learnt taught QT and to my amazement, all the students actually were pretty fond of the subject. More discovery was to happen as I chanced upon another professor and his fame, Prof Ashutosh Kar who's classes and subject were dreaded, although it was a relatively simpler Introductory course on IT infrastructure.

A bit of investigation on my part revealed that RNS the thorough gentlemen made students comfortable in class and stretched his benevolence to the examination which had students scoring high marks. On the other hand, my co-alum Ashu would literally extract revenge for the treatment meted out to him at our Alma mater IIMA.

I made a bit of a joke on the comparison and lo and behold the next term onwards roles almost reversed, save for the fact that getting Ashu to hand out as was next to impossible.

On a more serious note, RNS was a methodical and rule bound expert of Research methodology and Operations research. We travelled to Berhampur together on the invitation to an FDP inaugural.

Although I was a rank outsider to the academic world at that time, I guess rubbing shoulders with greats like RNS, Ashu et al turned me into an amateur academic rather rapidly. Welcome to the senior citizen club.

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## MESSAGES



**Prof. Dr. Nayan Kanwal**, FRSA, ABIM, AMIS, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Editor, Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Research

Editor-in-Chief International Journal of Social Sciences  
and Artistic Innovations (IJSSAI), Singapore  
Chief Consultant, Independent Research International  
Visiting Professor BINUS University Jakarta.

Professor Dr. Rabi N. Subudhi

I have known Rabi for the last 10 years, and found him as an astute professional with a flair of passion. During my academic association with him, I have found him to be an example of a well-organized, science oriented, and well-educated scholar from the developing world. Not all scientists can communicate well the complicated scientific issues with different approaches. Rabi does that. He is a very brilliant and intelligent science communicator who has devoted himself to the promotion of science and technology not only for India, but also for the developing world and for the entire humanity.

He is definitely a very good communicator and a strong defendant of scientific pursuit to the benefit of the scientific community at large. He has a strong perception of what is moral and I regard this as an integral part of being a scientist. He has a broad understanding of the potential impacts of social science issues at stake.

I believe Rabi is a well-known, internationally active and very successful communicator in his areas of expertise. He is a highly esteemed scholar to whom I have listened at international conferences with respect.

On the personal front, Rabi is top notch! He is a personable and a thoughtful individual with conviction and commitment, responsible for the education of countless students from all over India. Above all, he is full of surprises and his level of energy is very high and contagious. He proactively takes up initiatives and completes them devotedly. He really is an exceptional person, full of intellectual curiosity. His capacious mind and a strong desire to explore makes him unique. He is also a strong, truly wonderful human being.

A very thorough gentleman, it has always been a pleasure and an honour to interact with him.

## MESSAGES



### Prof. Umesh Charan Patnaik

Former Professor of Commerce, BU;

Former Director and Former President, Odisha Commerce Association

#### TYING KNOT IS MORE THAN A SKILL

So soon so early, Rabi Subudhi has attained the age of superannuation! It dates me back to 1987 when both of us joined the then department of Com & Management Studies of Berhampur University; me in my Mid-Career and Young He in his virgin teaching career-virtually one and half decades of age gap between us.

In due course of time, we became closer to each other when both of us shifted to a new colony (*Saradhabali*) as immediate neighbours, at Brahmapur. Probably that is the period we did tie the knot - more than as family members - an unique experience indeed.

Both of us left Berhampur University in 2008, me on my superannuation shifted to Bhubaneswar to join as Director of a B-school and Dr. Subudhi as a Professor in KIIT University. No doubt both of us settled here at Bhubaneswar, but then gradually closer became close again because of the distance factor as is the culture and compulsions of the Capital City. Of course, the tie is preserved intact.

Well, Prof. Subudhi has grown step by step over the years, proved his uniqueness and has reached the peak. Apart from an excellent teacher, researcher, writer and organizer; he is found to be very much sociable, helpful, caring, smiling and rocking all the time.

Yes, he has an unique skill of connecting with people and tying knots!

I do wish him a long academic career further and healthy and peaceful life ahead.

Prof. Umesh Charan Patnaik  
494, K-3B, Kalinga Nagar, Bhubaneswar-3.



## MESSAGES



### Prof. Dr. Niranjana Mishra

Principal, B.J.B .Autonomous College, Bhubaneswar  
Professor of Statistics

Prof. Rabi Subudhi, KIIT University

Thank you for serving for more than 35 years of teaching profession. We both are the birds of same feathers. Both of us had a great time during our study at Utkal University, Vani Vihar. Thank you for taking the time to listen, encourage and share your thoughts. You made a real difference in the lives of the students you taught. The greatness of a person is not found in the amount of money he possesses, but in the quality of his knowledge and education.

If you thought that dealing with crazy students was the hardest thing you had to do in your life, wait till you have to deal with your grandkids in retirement.

Good luck and enjoy.

*Phir milenge.*

Prof. Dr. Niranjana Mishra  
Principal, B.J.B .Autonomous College,  
Bhubaneswar  
Professor of Statistics

## MESSAGES



### Dr Ratnakar Mishra

Professor, NSB Academy, Bengaluru- 560099

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Straight from my heart

It was a clear and sunny day sometime around February, 2003 when I first met a person who probably destined to be my beloved career anchor later. I still remember, I was deputed as an evaluator from JITM Parlakhemundi to Berhampur University, Berhampur, to check technical undergraduate end semester examination answer scripts at Khallikote College centre, Berhampur when the concerned subject chief evaluator from University department entered the evaluation room and sitting beside me started stamping signature on myevaluated answer scripts. As anyone can well guess what usually happens in the evaluation rooms, so aligning to the here say, the moment we became familiar, the gossip proliferated. But despite being in an open environment, I was having my share of distrust and disbelief. But trust me, it's quite natural for a young faculty evaluator to have his own set of prejudices regarding a chief evaluator from University, who is expected to come just for one hour in a day only to put signatures. But he started spending more time, showing interest to the details of paper checkers, asking questions on their wellbeing, careers and what not.

So I was initially trying to avoid the interactions by limiting my response to just 'yes', 'no' forms, ignoring the possibilities of my future associations with a person, whom I was of mind not to see further in future. But the discussion went on... on and on.. ...ranging from college office responsibilities to social affairs, from career advancement plans to personal life. A hesitant young professional who was so reticent in beginning, how and when he was allured by the persona and affection, later ending up being a family member taking meals in his teacher's house. is hard to say.

While writing this for a memoir, I feel all my memories are now getting a fresh coat and reloaded. The friendship, the bonding which started in a formal atmosphere I never imagined one day it will end in a family kinship. But it all went on like this. Now I am feeling proud to tell everyone that Sir is my guide, mentor, whom I can put any questions any time, sans any hesitation. Trust me; we always cherish this type of bonding so we can feel a childlike in front of our favourite teachers. We tend to forget our own age and feel free to mingle and behave childish. Oh. God Let they are there around us ever and forever so we can always feel like students and feel

safe. I feel seniors are essential in our life. Who will like a mobile humanly dictionary in life, whom we can ask for solutions whenever and wherever we face problems. At least I certainly prefer to have one in the name of a teacher.

Alas....Time went on and my career got a makeover through my friend, guide, and philosopher. When people were spreading stories about their PhD nightmares, I contradict. I still astonish and cast doubt in the circulated stories that scholars face, while doing their research. I thank God at least I never had to face and probably I was blessed to have him as my guide.

In his long journey of career many peers, colleagues must have been astonished how someone can dare to think of forgoing a cosy Government University job for a private sector job riddled with a lot of workload and stressors. But the basic idea of self improvement and sticking to one's own values of 'return of investment' probably had penetrated his mind. The investment Government does in way of hefty salary to the employees, how many actually think of return it with a value proposition? But some people dare. Of course the reward of hard work is there but still many shivers, thinking the private sector's nightmarish high work load, strict time bound activates etc. But Sir's inner thought of providing the clients a real 'value for money', distinguishes him from others. His involvement in numerous organisational activities compels many of his peers to comment favourably his fitment to a competitive environment, what a Government sector institution certainly lacks. Even people exclaim how he can do these, at ease!

Another aspect of his personality which actually I think I am emulating is the lateral value addition to a person's work life. It's not always the professional achievements that we should boast of. All round development is necessary. Like Sir's Odia poem writing and publishing, adoring a village life and thinking of giving back to society, in way of primary school alumni gives him the credit of being different. I try to follow and learn and strongly believe Sir cannot patent these and will not debar us from following him. (LoL)

But every good thing also comes to an end one day. While writing this I am really in pensive mood thinking about Sir who will one day become an old man. But as it is said 'You will not grow old till you are learning' probably fits his character who always stresses the 'take away' in any event he conducts or participates. Always the old photographs of conferences, seminars where we both were present will keep me reminding his associations, his charisma and his amiability for days to come. Needless to say he is of that type, who understands the pain of an event, one hosts and the moment he enters the venue, the first question we used to listen, 'is everything ok', 'How can I help you', 'do not worry I am here, if anything required do not hesitate to ask'. These very close affinity statements always lightens our load to host.

Hope this small write up will contribute to a collection of memories that is getting built up in this process. With regards and thanks. Forever yours....  
Ratnakar (*a permanent scholar*).

## MESSAGES



**Bijoy G. Dasmahapatra**

(Senior advocate)

Odisha High Court, Cuttack

I met my friend Rabi in the year 1982, when I took admission in PG Department of Statistics. Tall and lanky chap, but he was very studious and I was completely opposite.

After completing MSc, he left Odisha for north India for his higher studies (MPhil, PhD). I had lost contact with him after 1984. I persued law and joined law practice and Rabi joined Berhampur University. In those days, there was no mobile or any social media. Though I used to get information about Rabi, but could not contact till I got a mobile call a few years back and he wanted me to come to Bhubaneswar.

I was very excited and met Rabi in Indira Gandhi (IG) park of Bhubaneswar, where he had organized a get-together of our classmates. Ashok Mohanty, Swarup Panda, Mihir Biswal, Pravat Sarangi and Kartik Panda had also attended, that evening.

Rabi is so caring and friendly that only because of him our batch-mates attended the alumni meet in large numbers. It was his endeavour that our batch-mates could organize picnic at Bhubaneswar, next year. Rabi has many academic achievements to his credit, as he has authored many books and research articles, which many management researchers follow. He is also a rewarded Professor of Management, now with KIIT.

I am proud that, you were my classmate;  
and Rabi, I proudly claim that Prof. Rabi  
Narayan Subudhi is my friend.

*Bijoy Dasmahapatra*

(Senior advocate); 7008450120

Odisha High Court, Cuttack

## MESSAGES



**Dr. Ashutosh Chaudhury**

MBA; MA-IRPM, BU

Head, KANTAR (IMRB), Mumbai

Prof R N Subudhi Sir

I was studying IRPM in Berhampur University from 1998-2000 and in those periods visited many times to department of business administration and always seen Subudhi Sir taking class. From my friends came to know that he taught statistics to them. After my IRPM I took admission in MBA for the academic period 2000-2002 and came in direct contact of Sir. I was having an impression that math teachers are angry people by nature but surprisingly Sir I found the opposite. I contested for Dramatic Secretary and won the student election. One day I was discussing with Prof. Rudra Prasanna Mohapatra Sir, and he told me about Sir's other talents which I was totally unaware. Sir's interest in literature fascinated me as I too love writing.

It was the time for study tour, Sir along with Arun Panda Sir organised everything for our tour for Goa and Mumbai. This was the time when I saw different person who is meticulous in his Planning and Execution. We could get chance to visit the plant site of pharmaceutical company BlueCross in Goa and attend talks inside NSE in Mumbai.

Post my MBA, I shifted to Bhubaneswar and Subudhi Sir to Vellore. I met Sir again in Bhubaneswar around 2007 for my PhD work for his help and he generously guided me on hypothesis formulation. I got transferred in the beginning of 2011 to Ahmedabad. Facebook and WhatsApp are the two social networking platforms which helped me to be in touch with Sir and guided me to register myself as lifetime member ORSI, Bhubaneswar chapter and presenting my paper in workshop conducted by KIIT University and ORSI-Bhubaneswar.

I like Sir's inclination towards Odia literature and follow his write ups in social media. He is one of my inspirations who touched immensely my personal and professional life. Thank you Sir for all your guidance and support.

Ashutosh Chaudhury (BU: 1998-02)

IR & PM | MBA | LLB | MSW | PhD | Six Sigma Black Belt |

Head, KANTAR (IMRB)



## MESSAGES

**Ms. Astha Rani**

(MBA 2011-12, KIIT)

Subudhi Sir, a professor who will be witty, smiling, and also furious at times. A man who will give examples of someone from the class in such a manner that you will learn & wonder at the same time. I used to always look forward to his Statistics class. My memory goes back to October 2011, when I suffered ligament injury and got a plaster. The next day, my group had to do a presentation.

And as soon as I stepped up to speak, he asked me to sit first on the chair meant for Professors and then deliver. A stern and also a very kind professor at the same time. Subudhi Sir, will put in all his years of teaching experience in class, and enlighten you with new learnings.

Looking forward to meet him again in the journey of Life!

[Presently with: Sploration (Pune), as Technologies Manager - HR & Marketing



## MESSAGES



**Rohit Maskara**

[MBA-RM, KIIT]

National Project Manager at  
Centre for Environment Education (CEE)

Dear Sir, I always remember your kind and pleasant character and I have tried to write something for your book.

I always relish my relationship with Dr. Rabi Narayan Subudhi sir on both professional and personal level. I still remember my first meeting with him during my MBA (RM) days (at KSRM, KIIT), him being our Statistics professor.

As he has successfully embarked on his journey of 35 years in academics, I want to congratulate him and wish him the best for his future endeavours.

I recall his first impression of a very disciplined and strict hard master, but as it is said he is like a coconut, hard from outside and soft from inside. I want to quote one incident, referring to the above mentioned statement, some students were facing difficulties in understanding the subject, so he decided to arrange an extra class for the students on Sunday to not only understand their concerns but also give them detailed insights on the subject. Later, he ordered for beverages (tea/coffee) and snacks for all the students, those who were present.

Such a genuine and honest mentor he is, not only for his work but also with his students. All the very best sir! Looking forward to seeing him in person soon and would love to seek his guidance and motivation throughout.

**रोहित कुमार मस्करा** National Project Manager at Centre for Environment Education

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## MESSAGES



**Lubna Singh** [MBA, BU]

Now settled in USA

Where do I begin?

You have played such a crucial role in shaping us into who we are today.

You always inspired and encouraged us by everything you did.

I remember being a little scared of you and trying to avoid the first bench. But I've realized, there's fear where there's respect or love. Be it the fear of losing a loved one; or the fear of letting down someone we respect. I wanted to take this moment to thank you for helping us grow and for just being you. It was our privilege and honour to be taught by you.

Lubna [Georgia, USA]

## MESSAGES



### Mainak Chakraborty

(Union Bank of India in Kolkata Metro Region)

MBA, KSoM – KIIT, 2012-13

It has been 8 years, that I have graduated from KIIT School of Management, Bhubaneswar. Time flies very fast indeed!

The year was 2012 when I had attended your classes.

The most important phase in my life when you had really guided me a lot.

You had been a father figure to me, inspiring the best in me and told me that "I believe in you Mainak, you have the potential, don't break down so easily".

Sir, you had been very instrumental in making our classes interactive. Marketing research questionnaire and statistics were taught so nicely.

My Maa and Baba still talk about you. Whenever they had visited the campus, you had comforted them and made them feel that I am in safe hands. My father had shared the news with you regarding my joining in Union Bank of India in April 2016 and you had wished me for my corporate journey.

During your stint as a PGP Chairperson, you had taught us strict discipline and punctuality, which still holds importance till today.

Sir, your guidance will always be treasured, as there are very few people in the institution, who treat every student as his own son and daughter. Whenever someone is going out of track or showing some indiscipline, you have shown the correct way to rectify themselves and whenever someone was facing problems in their personal life you have hold their hands and motivated them, given your time and mentored them.

This is mark of a true Guru!

Currently I am at a Managerial position in Union Bank of India in Kolkata Metro Region, but to reach to that position, lots of people's contribution has been involved, you had been one of them by shaping my building blocks and transforming me to what I am today.

I wish you all the very best for your 60th Birthday, may Almighty bestow you and your family with abundance of goodness and prosperity.

Happy Birthday Sir! With Regards,  
Mainak Chakraborty (9176043830)

## MESSAGES



Mr. Naveen L (PhD Scholar, KSoM), Asst. Professor

Dear Sir,

It is my good fortune and God's blessing to know a person like you in my lifetime. You are a great mentor, excellent professor, wonderful visionary, extraordinary gentleman and the best guide I could have gotten. It's only been one year since I have known you sir, but when I interact with you, your humility and simplicity makes me feel like I have known you for years. I have always cherished and eagerly look forward to more and more interactions with you because talking to you only makes me a better scholar, researcher and above all a better human being. I can always share my problems and achievements with you because I know you will always guide me to bring out the best in me. With this context, I tried to jot down my feelings in a few lines of poetry. I hope you like it sir.

I look lost, when I talk to you, not because I am scared of you.

It's my pleasure of amazement, to see and learn from you.

I wonder how a genius can be so humble and effortless!

Every interaction of me with you is absolutely priceless.

I appeal to you to always be by my side and keep a guide,

For, I will be lost without you like a kid in the blind side.

Someday, I wish to achieve something hoping to give you a surprise,

As I will always be grateful to almighty, for you, a blessing in disguise.

Regards

Naveen L (PhD Scholar)

Presently, Asst. Prof., BIMIT Bhubaneswar

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## MESSAGES



**Neeraj Kumar, MBA (2009-2011)**  
KSOM, KIIT University

**Rabi Narayan Subudhi: Statistics stays with him always!**

To teach statistics is to enchant your students with numbers in a way that numbers start to speak. Moreover, it gets a magician for getting complex statistical numbers to speak a language of simplicity. And Rabi Narayan Subudhi is that magician of statistics who makes the subject so easy that grasping its nuances becomes a cinch.

I was his student during my MBA years (2009-2011). He came across a smiling soul who was ever ready to make things easy even for students like me who were out of Ramanujan league. Moreover, the number-crunching souls of the class were also the great fan of his teaching style. I could never remember him scolding a student; a stern look from him was enough for students to submit to the discipline of the classroom.

I used to visit his office after the classes were over to discuss my doubts and there was never a single occasion when he told me that he didn't have time. In those days, he used to take classes for rural management students as well.

One day around five O'clock in the morning, there was a lot of commotion in the hostel. Students looked tense and were going from one room to another. In several rooms, between four and five students were gathered with eyes glued to their laptops. When I enquired about the reason for all the hullabaloo, I was in for a shock! Subudhi sir had scheduled a test for statistics paper that day about which he had informed by e-mail in the wee hours of night. And we used to be so busy with our dose of internet-entertainment that we seldom bothered to check emails in the middle of the nights. Besides, we never expected that such a bomb could be dropped in the middle of a night. After this incident, we checked our mails during nights also. So, Subudhi sir also has a knack to surprise his students to make them aware of the rigours of management courses apart from teaching such courses.

Subudhi Sir and statistics is inseparable. His zeal to teach is unmatched. He has shaped many a mind for a better tomorrow of the society. I want his indefatigable journey to remain endless so that future of society is enriched with fruits of his statistical wisdom.

**Sir! Keep creating magic with smile and your teaching style!**

Neeraj Kumar, MBA (2009-2011), KSOM, KIIT

## MESSAGES



**Mr. Samrat Kumar Dash**

(MBA:14-16, KIIT)

National Payments Corporation of India

Sir, you are a wizard in the field of Statistics and a guardian to all your students. I have been fortunate enough to meet you and study under your guidance since 2014 onwards. You are more than a teacher to me as I see a guardian and mentor in you, with a vast experience of knowledge as well as people management skills, who has been able to find out where I am good at and what areas I need to improve upon. With lots of calmness and patience, you have always given me confidence to pursue a career in the field I am inclined with. The comfort in your words have always made me feel like I can share all my ideas (right or wrong) with you, as you always make sure you guide me in the correct path. After 6.5 years of work experience when I joined as a student, I felt the same charisma for learning statistics that I had during my engineering days again, just because of the way you taught.

No words will be enough to express my gratitude towards you.

Samrat Dash

Manager - Data Engineering Analytics Department

National Payments Corporation of India

## MESSAGES



**Mrs. Sujata Praharaj**

Audit Officer,  
[Formerly with Berhampur University]  
Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar

### Prof. Rabi Narayan Subudhi: The untiring personality

It is my pleasure and honour to have a chance to share my feelings about Prof. Rabinarayan Subudhi. Subudhi sir is known to me since the days in Berhampur University, who turned to be an elder brother to me. A genius in his subject, Prof. Subudhi is known to be an excellent teacher and a true friend, philosopher and guide to his students.

His dedication and love for his institute is immense. He brings in each and every achievement of the KIIT to the notice of others. Hardly a person found, endowed with multi-faceted talent as Prof. Subudhi is. Besides being an outstanding academician, he is a lover of literature and a protagonist of Odia language, culture and tradition. I often come across his regular postings on festivals of Odisha and unknown places of worship in social media.

Apart from this, his friendliness is highly laudable. I came to know about his friendliness when my family attended the wedding ceremony of his son two years back. He came outside to welcome and see off each of his guests. With his brand 'innocent smile', Prof. Subudhi is endowed with attributes of brilliance, dedication, efficiency, honesty, professionalism and humanity. I am fortunate to have him as a Facebook friend. He is a good reader of my articles, stories and poems and is a great source of inspiration for me.

It is not possible to describe a person like Prof. Subudhi in a few words. Age is just a number. He is retiring from service. But an enthusiastic person like Prof. Subudhi hardly retires. The society expects a lot from him and I am sure he will continue to perform his duties towards the society. I pray for Lord Jagannath's blessings of health, happiness and contentment for Prof. Subudhi.

Mrs. Sujata Praharaj  
Audit Officer, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar

## MESSAGES



### Ms. Sweta Mishra

MBA 2010-12; PhD Scholar KSoM KIIT

Eminent singer and cine artiste

My mind takes me back to the year 2010, when I joined the MBA program in the School of Management, KIIT University. I was very excited to be a part of such a reputed institute, but on the other way, I was in a confused state of mind like whether I will be able to cope up with my studies in such a well-known institution. Statistics was never a subject, which I liked as it dealt more with numbers. Finally, the time to attend STM classes (Statistics for Management) had come and professor entered the room with a BIG SMILE on his face. Introducing himself as Professor Subudhi, that was my first meeting with my beloved SIR.

As he started talking, there was a feel of happiness and our laughs echoed in the classroom of Section-B (as I was a student in that section) from his humorous talks and jokes. From that day onwards, his class was awaited by all of us, with our eyes and minds open happily to grasp the flavors of Statistics in all forms. Sir had typical ways of teaching like 'Subudhi's Kubudhi says that the example said by you is not an appropriate one for the particular statistical test', 'I am an old professor with very little knowledge' to remember a few. He used to resemble me as 'Mishra Madam', a name which I treasure till date. Even after classes, any doubt was cleared and was always done with smile on his face. My journey of MBA ended in 2012.

In 2016, I was performing in PATHA UTSAV (as I am a trained singer), a program organized by the Government of Odisha in the morning hours during Sundays in Bhubaneswar, for promotion of the habit of walking in people and entertain people as well. I was surprised to see Sir in the audience and then after my performance, I met him personally. On that day, he mentioned about joining KIIT for pursuing my PhD (as I had once told him that I wanted to do research). It was a motivation for me and then I applied at KIIT for

the examination. I cleared it and, by God's grace, I joined as a research scholar in 2017 at School of Management, KIIT University. To my surprise, BRM (Business Research Methodology) was taught by Sir. For me, it was like remembering and cherishing my MBA days again enjoying each session of research methodology.

I am still continuing my research work at School of Management and fortunate enough to meet Sir always, with his smiling face. I can say that He is a fatherly figure for me and always advises, helps and motivates me in a positive way. He is a true motivation and inspiration of how a senior professor can be a friend, philosopher and guide to all his students.

Sir, I wish You A very Happy Birthday and pray for your long life and good health. As you have always loved me and blessed me more like a father than a teacher, I was and will always seek your blessings and love more like a daughter (suna jhia) than like a student.

Ms Sweta Mishra,

Popular singer and cine-artist of Odisha

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## MESSAGES



**Tushar Anand**

(MBA, KIIT: 2016-2018);

Roll- 16202209

He teaches because he loves to teach!

"Hesitation" is the biggest problem for an average student like me, which leads to less participation in classroom activities. But I never felt left-out in these circumstances, thanks to Subudhi SIR, "treating every student in the same way, no matter what's your CGPA or how much you have scored in their respective subject" you will receive the same amount of love and respect every time. Whenever I remember my first interaction with SIR in introductory class, SIR had clearly said that "he teaches because he loves to teach" and I have witnessed this statement being true throughout my MBA. According to me teaching is just like driving and SIR knows very well that in 1.5 hrs of lecture where to apply brake where to slow down where to stop where to take rest and enjoy and most important where to accelerate the speed of teaching to reach the destination in right time.

Thanks for every moment with you, dear Sir!

Tushar Anand (MBA, KIIT: 2016-18 batch, with Roll-16202209)

## MESSAGES



### Abhinav Amitabh Ahluwalia

MBA from KSRM, KIIT Bhubaneswar [2009]

*Founder & CEO at Slow Organic Food and*

*Founder & CEO at Kiwi Kisan Window Pvt Ltd. and  
Co-Founder at Evolve*

Sir we all are doing very well. Right now, I am working as consultant for tribal development department, Government of Gujarat, with four other batch-mates of mine from KSRM, we all are placed at Gandhinagar. We all are doing very well and occasionally miss your vibrant association with KSRM, specially with our batch.

I am Glad that you still remember my Sarva Siksha Abhiyan project, that was my first PPT I have ever made. In fact that was the project which motivated me towards the education sector, which made me do a project with Azim Premji Foundation Uttarakhand, working with Sarva Sksha Abhiyan to improve the quality of education of government schools under SSA. After the project, I also got PPO from Azim Premji Foundation and they still want me to join them. The credit for all this goes to you sir for motivating me and lightning the spark towards the sector. Thank You so much!

And your Sarva Sksha Abhiyan project also made me work extensively on excel for the first time and make those graphs etc.which we have to almost make every day now. That was such a valuable project for me Sir.

Thanks and best regards.

*Abhinav A Alhuwalia* [Taken from FB Messenger, with consent; 1.8.2011]

## MESSAGES



**Surajit Misra** (MBA, BU)

Executive Director at JM Financial Services Ltd.

Former Executive VP, Bajaj Capital

We had a very good academic and friendly relation with all our MBA teachers, who were truly dedicated and were teaching us with lot of enthusiasm. Subudhi Sir, who was very affectionate, was our Statistics teacher. I fondly remember, till date, his unique way of putting us on ground and showing us as a leader, how to learn from every event.

We had a very successful National Seminar organised by MBA department, coordinated by Subudhi Sir, during January 1996. In BU/Odisha standard, the seminar was really a grand success, in all scale, in all means. Including the cultural function that evening, where we all sang and danced very much. All teachers joined us in dancing. Subudhi sir, the satisfied coordinator of seminar, also danced that evening with us.

Next morning we had statistics class, first period, by Subudhi Sir. We all were damn confident that Subudhi Sir would thank us profusely for our energetic voluntary work for seminar.

But, he was so calm, cool and polite; there was some silence; he then asked with smile, can anyone help recalling where we missed, where there was scope for improvement; how it could have taken to further height!

We all were then grounded, fully; all were silent for a while; our excitement vanished abruptly.

We had a very healthy brainstorming and had post-mortem analysis!

Some of us then recalled, yes, we could have perhaps added this... that!

That incident had a great learning for me, which I remember and apply, even after reaching at a very senior position today.

*[As told in a seminar before the staff and students of MBA dept., BU on 11.03.2022. Adapted here, with his consent.]*

## MESSAGES



**Dr. Jitendra Kumar Ram, MBA, Ph.D, CAIIB**

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### Rabi Subudhi: A True Friend

We meet many persons in our life's journey. But we like some, love a few and remember some of the few. But, if you are lucky enough, you come across someone like Dr. Rabi Subudhi, who makes a permanent place in your heart, help you bring your inner potential out, consider your dream as his own and becomes a pilgrim along with you in achieving your dream.

Our friendship is only eleven years old; still to be in its teenage. But as an old adage says 'we live in deeds, not in years', our friendship has passed its puberty and reached adolescence.

I first met Prof. Rabi Subudhi in his chamber at KSoM, Bhubaneswar sometime in June 2011. Then I was working as a Branch Manager in Odisha Gramya Bank (erstwhile Baitarani Gramya Bank) in Baripada, I was about to celebrate my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, and had just completed my MBA from ICFAI University. I had a dream of pursuing a Ph D in Management. You might be shouting, "Were you crazy?, doing PhD at the age of 50 with a regular job, impossible.". Our meeting on that day went for about two hours.

Between 2011 and 2014 I published 12 research articles (some with him as co-author), participated in more than 15 national and international seminars/ workshops/ conferences and successfully defended my doctoral thesis on 27.10.2014. The D-Day came on the 8th day of November, 2014 when I was conferred Doctor of Philosophy in Management by KIIT University. I owe all my success to Prof. Rabi Subudhi.

## MESSAGES



**Dr. Omar Faruk**

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Congratulations, Sir

I wholeheartedly congratulate my PhD supervisor, my mentor, Professor R. N. Subudhi sir for completing 60 years and serving society as an excellent teacher & researcher for 35 years. This is an honour for getting the opportunity to complete my PhD study under his supervision. Since 2016, when I first met Subudhi sir in KIIT School of Management, in Bhubaneswar, he has always been a great source of inspiration for me.

My PhD journey was not a fairy tale where I went through a lot of personal and financial struggles during 2016 to 2021. Professor Subudhi has always been there by my side as a mentor to understand my struggles and keep me motivated to finish my study. His support and motivation made me place him a lot higher than just a PhD supervisor in my life. He is just not my mentor and more of a fatherly figure to me. In the midst of handling priority work, he used to listen and spend time with me whenever it was needed. Dedication and devotion is a gift not everyone has. A good mentor always tries to bring the best out of his students and I was blessed by the Almighty to have the right one. As a PhD guide, I have found him very specific about what needs to be done in each step, which made our journey fruitful and memorable.

Prof. Subidhi has not only helped me academically but also encouraged me to become a better version of myself. I am sure when I say that, a lot of other students will concur with me that Subidhi sir is among a very few of them who did not just look over the PhD timeline, he was also personally involved in the entire journey which made us more motivated and enthusiastic in the process of obtaining PhD degree.

The first thought that always comes to my mind about Subudhi sir is .... I want to become a person like him, who is wise and down to earth, sincere and loved by all, efficient at work-life balance, truly empathetic and inspirational, a passionate learner and teacher, and many more.

I don't have enough words to describe his contributions to my life. Sir, I am truly blessed by the Almighty to be your student. My family and I will always be grateful to you for the rest of my life. I will always look up to you as my source of inspiration.

God bless you and keep you safe and healthy. ❤️

8th April 2022.



## MESSAGES



**Dr. Ansuman Jena**

Associate Professor, CUTM, Bhubaneswar

Formerly with OSOU

### My Professor Severus Snape

Run... run... run...!

We can't be late to his class...!

*Areeee... yaar... jaldi chalo...*

Students were talking to each other like this as they were rushing towards the classroom. I was shipping water as I was getting ready to attend the research methodology class as a PhD research scholar of the School of Management, KIIT University.

I went inside the class and to my surprise a few students stood up.

I am not your teacher... I am a student like all of you but doing PhD... so relax... I will attend the class with you.

Then entered Professor Subudhi. I had interacted with him earlier but had never been a part of his class. He saw me (possibly expected it) and asked me to come to the front and also enquired about my fellow researchers. They were also supposed to attend the session.

I said, I am not sure...

Anyways... let me introduce you to Ansuman. He is a PhD scholar and as a part of his doctoral course work, he will be attending classes with you. Other research scholars are also going to attend the session.

And then the session started... I was mesmerized that how could a course like research methodology be so interesting, engaging and realistic. Every sentence had such impression that it was creating visuals as I was listening. From that class alone, I had learnt several tricks to engage the students.

The class was going to end but there was a surprise announcement, 'Ansuman will discuss about literature review in the next class and then I will take it further'.

And, I was terrified more than, I was surprised. I walked along with sir and went inside his cabin. He gave me reference of several books and wished

me luck for the presentation. It was a sleepless night for me. I did manage to refer several books and come up with a presentation.

The next day, I gave the presentation and it went really well. I was more than happy as Subudhi sir asked me to make the same presentation in another section of the MBA programme. Often, sir randomly called me to solve problems on the board or explain some concepts to the students and as a PhD scholar I had a lot to protect and prove. This is how I came closer to sir. There were countless memories of such impressive occasions where I had not only learnt about research methodology but also learnt a lot about teaching.

Another instance that I would like to mention here is about a research methodology workshop. I was assisting sir and coordinating some activities related to the workshop. I was so impressed by the resource persons and the participants that I thought I would make a presentation based on the progress on my doctoral research. However, it was not scheduled. I was certain that I had zero possibility to make the presentation. The thought came to me at late night. I would not dare to call sir and share this absurd idea with him or seek his permission. But, I did spent the entire night giving final shape to my thoughts. It was around 3.30 AM and my PPT was ready. I emailed it to sir and expressed my interest to make the presentation. I went to sleep. I woke up late and to my surprise I had about 3 or 4 missed calls from Subudhi sir. I called him and he said that he was happy that I did volunteer for this. I made the presentation and it was very well received by the resource persons and the participants.

If you ask any student who has attended his courses then (s)he would tell you that he is strict, hard disciplinarian and that makes him frightening for the students. He would not tolerate any act of indiscipline or dilution of academic integrity or spare anyone for any such violations. Moreover, he teaches papers like statistics, research methodology etc. Sir's personality and the nature of the courses taught by him were enough to scare an average student.

As my doctoral course work was done along with the students; I had got the opportunity to interact with them and got their honest feedback. Most of the students were terrified of him but they loved his teaching style and his personality. My fellow research scholars also have similar opinion.

I am fortunate that I had the opportunity to be in his class and work under him. Ever after my PhD, he has been guiding me. I have worked closely with him for the revival of the Bhubaneswar chapter of the Operational Research Society of India (ORSI).

I am blessed to have a teacher like him. He is a strict disciplinarian and often come across like a terrifying figure but he is exactly like Professor Severus Snape from the Harry Potter series. Caring, emotional, passionate, and committed to his duties towards his students, institution and the society at large. I certainly aspire to imbibe those of his qualities and become a better person. Love you sir.

Dr. Ansuman Jena, Associate Professor, CUTM, Bhubaneswar

## MESSAGES



### Sri Lokanath Sarangi

Former Director, Planning & Evaluation cum  
Spl. secretary to Govt. of Odisha

#### Few Words about Dr Rabi Narayan Subudhi

Dr Rabu Narayan Subudhi or only Rabi Babu is a lovable name for me. Although we were students of Statistics branch of Science, we were not known to each other for a long time. He is 16 years younger to me in age. In course of time, we met each other for the first time in 2015, on the occasion of the Alumni Meet of the students of the Department of Statistics, Utkal University. Thereafter we have met several times and exchanged our opinion and views.

Even though there are some similarities among us, he possesses some good qualities in him that are unique and impressive. It hardly matters if someone likes the same or not, but I am quite impressed upon and moved by that. One of his good qualities among the many is that he has not forgotten his native place, friends and relatives, childhood school, teachers and class-mates so also his school and college teachers and the friends. He is yet to forget the places of teaching in his service career, the students, teachers and the local community. He has not only documented all those historical records but also he is keeping touch with them as on today. It implies that he has extreme love and affection for his past life and the associates and he is an example for others.

I am really happy that he possesses several good qualities like this that are not generally seen in others. I am sure he is getting the love, affection and encouragement of all in return. I am really proud of a person like Dr Rabi Narayan Subudhi, a young friend of mine.

Sri Lokanath Sarangi (Bhubaneswar, 10.04.2022)

## MESSAGES



**Dr Subhasree Kar** (MBA from BU),  
Professor, REVA University, Bangalore

Subudhi Sir and his Magic of touching hearts....

“One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.” – Carl Jung.

The department of Business Administration was the most sought-after department of Berhampur University in our time. Pursuing MBA was not my choice, but I reluctantly accepted admission to the Department of Business administration's MBA program in 1998-2000. It was my father Professor Bauribandhu Kar and his Colleagues were the ones who convinced me to enroll in the MBA program. Being from Humanities with an honours degree in Psychology, I was finding the mathematical courses in the MBA syllabus troublesome and challenging. Particularly to avoid mathematics, I have not taken Science in my college days. But I was not knowing a turn will come in life where there is no way to escape from the course. I have already developed a kind of Phobia for numbers and mathematical/ statistical calculations, but developed immense respect for the members of the fraternity. My mind always accepts the teachers who deal with numbers as heroes, and they can do magic with numbers.

My MBA Program began. We were the special batch who studied in the old block of MBA as well as the newly constructed block and appeared our both annual examinations in one slot because of the super cyclone. In the initial days of introduction, one course after another started as per the timetable in the old block. New teachers were coming, and we were getting to know the teachers as well as the courses. The most awaited Statistics class started. A tall, slim, fair charming teacher carrying a smile on his face entered our class and we got to know he is our Professor Rabi Narayan Subudhi.

On the first day itself, without wasting a single minute, he started teaching the portions of the syllabus. It was bouncing back over my mind. I was just thinking in the class what next .... How I will learn these things. With self-doubt, I was asking myself “Is it possible on my part to clear this paper in MBA?” Subsequent classes were more difficult to understand for me. Sir started explaining the concepts through examples and was raising questions to us, from the portions that he had already taught. His target was the students whose faces conveyed to him the message that we are not

understanding anything despite good teaching. One day suddenly, listening to my nickname in the class, I got astonished and this time the question was for me. I was feeling ashamed standing and unable to reply to the answer to his question. To confess honestly, I did not understand anything then. I stood silently, keeping my head down. Sir strictly instructed me to meet him tomorrow.

I was wondering what will happen. My father who was his colleague as well his literature teacher at Ravenshaw College. He used to praise him a lot and tell very high about him. I was thinking he might discuss all these with my father. The next day, when I met him, he counselled me saying that “Now you are grown up; You can understand the numbers. Leave your phobia and try to learn. You can do it. In case of any doubt, can discuss and clear it from me. In my next class, you must answer my questions.”

His kindness and inspiring words made me feel comfortable. His positivity and encouragement brightened my day. His words were well taken by me. During that period, he was bit strict, always looked reserved and thoughtful. But at heart, he was caring and concerned for all of us.

He inspired me to open the door of acceptance to the numbers and calculations. He gave me the confidence to dream to do the magic in numbers. I accepted wholeheartedly that there is no way out to escape from numbers. Mathematics is an important part of life. I scored very good marks, around 90 in Statistics and Operation research courses in my MBA, which was indeed a great achievement for me. I will remain ever grateful for the impact Subudhi Sir had on me – which he may not be knowing, himself.

After our MBA also I used to get all the news about our department and teachers from my father. One day I heard from him, that Sir is leaving the University to join a new private University. His decision was not well accepted by the senior professors at the University as leaving a State University for the sake of joining a newly evolving private University, and considered it as an unwise act. During that time most of the seniors could not visualize the future of that private University which is now the pride of Odisha- KIIT University. He proved his decision to be very apt for his career and climbed the professional success ladder effectively as a popular academician, able administrator, and well-acclaimed researcher both at the national and international levels. On the family front also he was a responsible son, father, and husband. I am privileged to be associated with him in his academic journey.

Mathematics and Poetry are a rare combination. He proved himself to explain mathematical equations of life and eternity in his poetic expression. He mastered the art of expressing mathematical patterns in poetic rhythms. He is soft in nature but firm in decisions. He knows the magic of touching human emotions.

Our Sir is a rare combination of intellectual and creative pursuits. On this occasion of his sixty years of eventful journey, I appreciate his academic endeavours and contributions to the student community and society. My sincere prayer and wishes for his good health and long life.

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## MESSAGES



### Er. Santap Kumar Jena

B.Tech (civil), AMIE, MBA  
BSNL, Tezpur, Assam Circle

Socialising is a love story that can be lived through the eyes of social scientist like *Dr. Rabi Narayan Subudhi*, a professor par excellence and a popular writer in the field of management and literature. Being graduated from the same high school, JHS (Janata High School, Kuhudi, District: Khordha) of course nine years before me and being from the same locality, he turned to be my elder brother, a true guide and a mentor.

I happily recall that day of the year 2004 when our first matured discussion took place in his official chamber of “Reader of Statistics” in Berhampur University in the presence of Sri Arun Kumar Dash, a journalist and social worker who happens to be my elder brother alike. It was all about understanding and socialising with the people who share interests and coming together to help improve the world we live in. He was actively involved with the daily newspaper “The Anupam Bharat” published from Berhampur and I was fond of his articles, may be features or poems. His simplicity yet strong personalities, his sweet words yet powerful messages drew me closer to him and to his family and vice versa. During his short trip to Bhubaneswar in the year 2005, he sent his son to me to visit State Museum and IG park etc. This shows his love and trust on me.

Teachers’ sacrifices normally go unnoticed. They give up their personal and family time to prepare lessons, guiding students and attend conferences. This is true for Dr. R.N. Subudhi. He was brave enough to quit the government job to join the VIT in 2006. Again he made a courageous decision to leave VIT in 2007 to join KIIT, Bhubaneswar. I feel proud to say that he used to discuss with me in both the cases about his fond hope of learning and serving his neighborhood. Although the noise of others opinion don’t put his own inner voice down.

He is now the cheerleader of our JHS Alumni committee. Starting from the golden jubilee year-2005 celebration, he contributed immensely for the all-round development of his childhood school. Attending annual days of the school, speaking to the students, reconnecting to alumni, donating in cash, promoting the school on social media are some of his commitments for “Mo School Abhijan”. I can say that he truly cares for his nourishing mother, the JHS. *Words will fall short for describing the loving personalities of Sri Rabi Bhai. I express my sincere thanks and gratitude for giving me this opportunity.*

-Er. Santap Kumar Jena. BSNL, Tezpur, Assam.

## MESSAGES



**Mr Dinesh Hota**

[MBA, KSoM (10-12)]

Thanks a lot sir for having so much of faith upon me.

I am always blessed with your good wishes. I remember your nice teaching style and affectionate personality, during my MBA days at KSoM, KIIT.

Come sometime to Jeypore, Damanjodi sir, you will stay with me; we can move around here. It's always my pleasure to welcome a superb person like you.

Have a very nice teaching time, as always, for many more years, Sir!

[Taken from FB messenger with his consent.]

## MESSAGES

**Bapuji Kumar (MBA-BU, 2001-03), now with IBM**

Hi Sir, Nice to see you in FB. I'm 2001-03 Batch MBA student of BU. Presently working in IBM Bangalore as a SAP consultant. Working for my client Shell Trading & Shipping company as a Business Analyst and placed in London since Jan 2010. Hi Sir, I am doing good. How r you sir? Its good for KIIT students that they got a talented lecturer like you. I am always a big fan of you. I like your lecture, I never missed your classes....

[from FB: 30.8.11]

**Gopal Mohanty (MBA, KIIT), 10-11**

Sir namaskar.

I'm Gopal Mohanty, a student of yours (Sec-D). How are you Sir..I really liked your way of teaching and still remember your humorous anecdotes. And so also your timely Humour Quotient (HQ) in between classes. Your teaching methods are awesome Sir.

May your blessings make us reach our desired destination. Thank u Sir, for everything. [Taken from FB, on 30.8.11, teachers' day]

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## Abhishek Jha

MBA, KSoM, KIIT

I always believe that teaching is the most difficult job to do, and it is not about how knowledge you have, it is always about how much your students are comfortable in your session. And that defines my all time favourite Prof. RN Subudhi Sir, the man who made statistics a fun for me. Interacting with students and to identify their potential is his strength. And that is why he was loved by all of his students. If I ever have to rank all of the teachers from whom I have learned anything, then Subudhi sir must be at the top.

Really Sir, your literature skill is as good as your stats!

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## Abhishek Mohanty

MBA, KSoM, KIIT

All response of his facebook post noted here.



[Quoted from Facebook post of Abhishek, and responses in June 2018]  
<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1625862900845027&set=a.115530155211650>

It is a pleasure sir and thanks for the teaching. You will always be favourite  
- **Abhishek Mohanty** (MBA, KSoM)

Never seen someone teach with such clarity in my entire life. –**Aditya Mitra**  
(MBA, KSoM)

I always appreciate your teaching style...Your teaching style of QT was so unique that I still remember 80% of what you taught me during the 1st sem of MBA which is almost 5 years back.. – **Rupak Kumar Mohanty** (MBA, KSoM)

That's really a proud moment and moment of honour for KSOM , R.N Subudhi sir, Always the best and one of my favourite faculty in KSOM, Proud to be your student sir..... -**Anurag O Tirkey** (MBA, KSoM)

I also noticed your teaching sir, till now I remember sir for your nice explanation on a seminar about decision theory and you give a good example on crocodiles, for better understanding..I enjoyed many more on this sir... thanks a lot as I am a student... -**Ajit Sabat**

As I always said sir! Most adorable teacher. Your encouragement actually made me score beyond my expectations in a subject I actually used to flunk before !! Thank you so much for the words which actually made me achieve a good score I never even thought I would! - **Adya Dash** (MBA, KSoM)

I never had any interest in maths or stats .....but your way of teaching changed my attitude towards Q.T ...Thank you Sir, for everything..... – **Gaurav Jaiswal** (MBA, KSoM)

Sir, I have always said and will keep on saying -Thank you for Making QT so much fun to learn. One of the gifts KSOM gave us is you! Respect and love. - **Souradeep Acharjee** (MBA, KSoM)

If your class won't have an attendance system, then also I am sure cent% attendance will be there. Every day before going to class we use to check when is your class ....! Truly sir, no one can beat you. Love you - **Swati Mohanty** (MBA, KSoM)

Sir! you are really a grand master in all branches of statistics and operation research as I had felt while coming in contact with you in solving data analysis part of my PhD program .I salute you sir for your cooperation. Dr (Er) **Raghu Nandan Muni** (PhD, BU)

Sir, I still remember the compelling urge not to miss a single class of yours as it used to be fun learning in your class. – **Susanta Padhi** (MBA, BU)

Sir, you are the best Professor of QT, with outstanding and extraordinary teaching skills. – **Sumeet Mukherjee** (MBA, KSoM)

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Other messages available at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/rabisubudhi-research-writings/home>

# Endnote



Honestly, I really never thought myself (considering my humble background, with so many hurdles and financial difficulties) that, eventually, I would ever travel beyond Odisha for my education, and would be able to visit other countries, or be of any use to anyone, in this society! Surviving the horrifying COVID days, as you approached 60, is itself a big thing, big blessings. Thus, the unprecedented COVID incidence was the major driver to write a book like this, on eve of my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday (ଶବ୍ଦ ରୁ ଶାନ୍ତି).

Though I have tried, in this first attempt, to put together a few facts with a few relevant pictures, this present book is perhaps missing many more facts, incidences and my personal interactions with many other nice souls, well-wishers, and all those who have had contributed and touched my life.

God willing, I shall try to expand it, by covering much more interesting facts and incidences in near future, in the next edition.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to those who have taken time off, to write beautiful messages (covering some untouched incidences), and more particularly to WLA, for kindly agreeing readily to publish this book. I take this opportunity, thanking Prof. Pradip Mallick and Mr. Prakash Sahoo for their support and valuable contributions.

I am also thankful to Mr. Smruti Malhar Mohapatro, for his help.





Book (dedicated in memory of Sri Tapan Mishra) was also released at Rourkela, at the first shradhha sahaa (1<sup>st</sup> death anniversary function, 2022).  
 [In pic: Mrs Rita Patnaik, sister of late Sri Tapan Mishra.]

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